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'More optimism than last year'

TIDE TURNS FOR ISLAND TRADERS?

BARRY ISLAND'S traders who have battled their way through turbulent economic waters in recent years, are optimistic the tide may be turning.

As the economy has recovered, so too have the prospects for the resort which in its hey day used to welcome up to 100,000 people over busy weekends.

Pat Collins, whose family has provided entertainment on the Island for more than 80 years, said he had noticed that people seemed more enthusiastic to be down at the Island this year compared to last year – possibly as a result of an improvement in the economy.

"The bank holiday weekend was very encouraging, with good weather and a happy family atmosphere. People seem more cheerful and optimistic than last year." Pat, who has eight attractions on the Promenade, says that improved management of the Island is paying dividends.

"The parking is in place and PCSOs are controlling the traffic to prevent queues – queuing off the Island was a real bugbear for visitors.

"The council have also got a 'can do' attitude which is a support for traders. It is recognising the importance of the Island to the town's economy."

Pat is used to fighting back in adversity. On March 13, one of his pirate attractions, drafted in for the summer season, was destroyed by fire.

"We've already resurfaced the area and the one that was burnt out has been replaced. I'm now planning to bring in even more attractions."

Swansea-born showman Vernon Studt has also returned for a fifth successive summer season to run the Pleasure Park rides.

His great-great Uncle Jacob brought entertainment to the Island in the 1800s. Vernon said that in recent years people hadn't appeared to have "much money in their pockets", but hoped that was changing.

"We've got a number of new rides for the public – now we want some blistering weather to get them down in numbers and spending money."

The Vale Council's Lis Burnett, who is responsible for tourism, emphasised that the hard work of people with an interest in the Island was paying off.

"The council has invested heavily in Barry Island in recent years and nowhere is this more obvious than in the improvements being made to the public car park and other facilities on the Eastern Promenade.

"We are now advertising the availability of the ground floor of the former Tourist Information Building as well as the former lifeguard building for appropriate uses – this will add further to the facilities available."

She added: "For Barry Island to continue to grow and prosper all those with a stake in its future need to work together."

Rhoose Lifeguards get helping hand for the summer season!

ABOVE:
Rhoose Lifeguards have thanked the 'Font-y-Gary Fish Bar' which donated over £175 to the club from carrier bag charges. The money will go toward new club equipment to be used this summer season. The shop's staff are pictured with grateful members of the Rhoose Lifeguards team.

X Factor star set for a return to Dinas!

FORMER *X Factor* contestant Lucie Jones is taking to the stage during the Dinas Powys Music Festival next week.

It is a return visit to the village for Lucie, who performed with the Bethesda Community Choir in 2013.

That evening was a sell-out and the music festival's organisers are hoping there will be another full house when she joins the choir on Monday, May 12.

Following *X Factor*, Lucie became a West End star. In May 2010, she was signed by Cameron Mackintosh to play Cosette in the West End production of *Les Misérables*.

For more on Lucie's return to Dinas Powys, turn to page 6.

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'Scrap LDP policy'

THE release of the candidate sites has highlighted that the LDP process is not fit for purpose and should be called in by the Welsh Government and scrapped.

The 'free-for -all' policy has brought out many landowners keen for an easy profit and has blighted the lives of a high number of Vale of Glamorgan residents.

Although not an advocate of the Human Rights Act, this I feel is a true case for it.

It is not just one or two local communities or a couple of 'nimbys' that find themselves on the edge of potential major planning proposals – nearly every village has been blighted by having, in many cases, multiple 'candidate sites' on their doorstep.

We need to have a grown up and open debate on the whole process, and need to start with some 'realistic' projections of future housing and employment requirements for the Vale.

Ann Barnaby,
St Athan.

'Don't blame UK Government for foodbanks'

I REFER to Mr G Smith's letter in The GEM asking why have foodbanks increased since the Labour party lost office, and blaming the present Government for the increase.

He admits there were 41,000 people using foodbanks when Labour were in power. What he forgets to mention is the mess the previous Government left us in; they left our borders wide open and they gave a lot of money away to the unemployed so the latter would be grateful and vote them back into power.

This Government had to cut back on this because we could not afford it, so this left a lot of people with less to spend and the damage was done.

The collapse of the banks didn't help. This put more strain on the then Government and caused a slump in the economy which we are starting to come out of thanks to the Government's policies.

The foodbank system is open for abuse. The voucher system can be abused by some that call in to more than one food bank in a month and get more than their entitlement. I also believe foodbanks can be a first port of call for some people coming into the country.

Mr B Kirke, Barry

Cowbridge Town worthy heirs of the Corinthians

Congratulations to Cowbridge Town FC on winning the Barry Cup for the first time. In the 1940s, I founded Cowbridge Corinthians FC, predecessors of Cowbridge Town FC.

I was mainly encouraged, I remember, by my good friend Bill Lewis, a fellow member of Cowbridge YMCA youth centre, who served for many years with distinction in the Fire Service.

Alas, the Corinthians never won any trophies, but made up for their lack of success with their tremendous enthusiasm.

They would have been greatly chuffed to see their heirs doing so well.

Derek G Thomas,
Porthcawl.

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Why let sleeping (LDP) dogs lie?

RECENT GEM items about Colwinston highlight the rural Vale crisis: we appear to have a Labour-dominated council seeking to maximise housing development in the villages. This is hardly a surprise given that Labour has no rural seats, but has key ones in the urban south-east.

What is a surprise is the inertia of the Conservative opposition on the Vale Council. This is in stark contrast to opposition parties in neighbouring Cardiff, which are vigorously challenging the LDP of the Labour council.

Here the Conservative opposition members seem to have a philosophy of let sleeping LDP dogs lie: keep their heads down, nod through Labour's premature planning approvals in a series of Vale villages – and hope by the council election in 2016 that Conservative voters in the south-east will have forgotten the previous Conservative council's proposed massive LDP house-building schemes in their areas.

The Conservatives should start standing up for the rural Vale, otherwise they may find in May 2016, rural Conservative voters as unforgiving as those in the south-east in May 2012, which resulted in the Conservatives being thrown out.

Standing up for the rural Vale means siding with villages which have received disproportionate housing allocations from Labour; resisting the various planning approvals Labour is pursuing to maximise housing in the rural Vale; supporting the case for the Llandow site to be developed; and ending their support for the abolition of settlement boundaries around villages they are meant to be representing. A good test of Conservative commitment to the rural Vale is the 'Colwinston test'.

Here is a classic Vale village in uproar over the prospect of the Labour council railroading through a developer's application to build 62 houses on an LDP allocated site before Colwinston residents' opposition can be considered by the LDP inspector: disproportionate development arising from democratic deficit.

So which way for the Vale Council Conservative group when this application comes to the planning committee: back the despoliation of Colwinston, or stand behind the village in its spirited defence of its character and way of life?

Paul Jeremy,
Ystradowen.

Greenfield, excuse for a red light...

I WANT to respond to the letter from Mike Carney headed 'LDP – Why not Llandow Newydd?' in The GEM, May 1.

The judicial review did not rule against Llandow Newydd... Mike asks why the development has no support with the planners, and I have a few thoughts on that subject.

A council official stated in 2007 that '*Current government guidance is that a new settlement is a last resort*'.

The consultants advising the council regarding options took a different view and wanted Llandow included as an option, but they were eventually dismissed by the council.

Government guidance at that time did state: "*New settlements on greenfield sites are unlikely to be appropriate in Wales,*" but went on to say that they *"should only be proposed where such development would offer significant environmental, social and economic advantages over the further expansion or regeneration of existing settlements."*

I have no doubt that the latter part of this guidance has greater significance than a misinterpretation of the first part.

I understand officials now emphasise the greenfield argument but given the amount of greenfield sites in the draft LDP, that excuse also lacks credibility.

The development of Llandow Newydd would produce many advantages, including a new highway link, more choice for home buyers, less pressure on already over-developed urban communities, and a new railway stop – reducing the need for increased car journeys.

Philip Clarke,
councillor for Rhoose.

'No ruling against Llandow Newydd'

WE need to nail the growing myth that a judicial review ruled against the development of Llandow Newydd (*LDP – Why not Llandow Newydd', Mike Carney, The GEM, May 1).*

Referring to the land, Mr Carney includes a statement in his letter as follows, "the fact that it was ruled against in a judicial review" – it wasn't!

I suspect Mike has been misinformed, along with several others – since Mr Justice Beaston did not rule on the merits of the development potential of this site.

He did rule on grounds put forward by the developer of bias; predetermination; conflict of interest; inadequate consultation, and misleading information.

In part of the legal judgement, the judge categorically makes the point: *"Planning judgement is a matter for the relevant planning authority, not the court"*.

With the overdue and growing public interest in the development of Llandow Newydd, it is worth taking some time to read this judgement.

It was about behind the scenes events, and not whether this site should, or should not be developed.

Dennis Harkus
FocusBARRY member

Two reasons why!

THERE has been a vast amount of correspondence recently concerning Llandow Newydd. The simple answer as to why the council planners will not agree to the proposal is summed up in two linked words – 'money' and 'fracking'.

Mike Welford, St Athan.

Library proposals are 'disgusting'

THE Vale Council have now outdone themselves by considering using volunteers to run several libraries.

Library services across the Vale are being cut, with shorter working hours and fewer staff.

I have no doubt there are good people willing to offer their services to help run these libraries, but it is a disgusting proposal to even be considered.

DJ Radford,
Barry.

Put off by the 'hidden agenda'

I WRITE to respond to the interesting GEM letters on the LDP. Now that the consultation for the plan and its alternatives is over, it will be for the experts and our council representatives to consider what has to be a daunting task.

Perhaps it is an opportune time to analyse the arguments in The GEM letters for and against development of a road and housing at Darren Farm.

The objectors have put forward a diverse and technical argument against development, mainly based upon the 2003 application notes.

Those for have this time been concerned about the need for, in particular, housing that is owner-occupied and cannot be taken for investment.

I thought both positions were well represented and, as you would expect, more organised, numerous and louder for those against – whereas those for seem to be individuals expressing social concerns.

My verdict is in favour of those for – as their views are honestly based on social needs.

I particularly liked the comment that having a church (St Brynach's) within walking distance is an important link to the community's social life and wellbeing.

What swayed me away from those against, was confirmation of a hidden agenda of 'not in my backyard' syndrome, whereas I believe to the contrary, that property values will be enhanced as the proposed alternative development has great merit.

What confirmed my verdict was that the Llysworney by-pass and Llandow settlement argument was submitted by those against. That is shoddy!

Cynthia Willems,
Cowbridge.

Sign of the times?

I LIKED the little piece in The GEM from Jeremy Atkinson referring to a sign reading *'Road Closed Ahead Accept for Access.'*

ACCEPT? Surely this should read 'except? It seems that not only are our highways people out to confuse us, they do not have a very good knowledge of the English language.

In an effort to promote good English language, maybe those that prepare and erect signage should first make sure that the language is correct before they confuse us!

Alison Dickinson,
Coychurch.

CALLING ALL EX-BEVIN BOYS!

BARRY branch of the Royal British Legion would like to talk to any ex-Bevin Boys to help produce a tribute to this shoddily-treated group of young men whose efforts have only just begun to be recognised.

If anyone can help, please contact me on 07914 382977. Your help will be much appreciated.

Bob Wheatley, ***Chairman,***
Royal British Legion, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 15)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
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09 Fri	02.33	7.4	15.17	7.6
10 Sat	03.43	7.7	16.18	7.8
11 Sun	04.38	8.2	17.09	8.3
12 Mon	05.25	8.6	17.49	8.8
13 Tues	06.06	9.1	18.31	9.3
14 Wed	06.47	9.5	19.11	9.7
15 Thur	07.29	9.7	19.54	9.9

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Fly-tipped rubbish: residents left to endure an eyesore

by GEM REPORTER

RESIDENTS in an estate off Colcot Road are fuming after someone fly-tipped a large amount of rubbish behind their houses.

On Friday evening, residents were even woken to the sound of sirens after the police responded to a call alerting them to the fact that the rubbish has been set alight.

Local resident Mr Radford told The GEM: "Some 'very nice people' decided to dump all their household junk behind properties in Whitewell Road, instead of taking it to the skip.

"Several people have reported the rubbish to the council to come and clear it up, but until now the response has been somewhat pathetic.

"We understand that the council are not to blame for this; however, they do have a duty of care.

"It has now got to the stage where on Friday evening at around 11pm my wife was woken up by sirens and blue flashing lights.

"Some idiot had tried to set fire to the rubbish."

ABOVE: This rubbish should have been taken to the rubbish and recycling centre, but instead fly-tippers dumped it behind some houses.

Mr Radford appealed: "Can we please have a rapid response from the council to clear this rubbish?"

Operational manager for waste management, Clifford Parish at the Vale Council, explained it may have tracked down the source of the problem.

"We are working to arrange for the waste to be removed.

"However, our enforcement officers believe that the rubbish came from an empty property within the Whitewell Road area.

"As a result, they are in the process of arranging for the owner of the property to remove the waste.

"The cost of removing illegally-dumped waste is a significant drain on council taxpayers' money, and we believe that the best way to address the crime is to get those responsible to remove it wherever possible.

"I would accept that this can take a little longer, but hope that the residents of Whitewell Road will support our efforts in getting those guilty of the illegal tipping to remove and legally dispose of the waste."

Those responsible for fly-tipping can face a fine of up to £50,000 or up to five years imprisonment.

Mr Parish warned: "The council will take strong action against anyone caught fly tipping.

"Should any members of the public witness it they should not approach the perpetrators, but immediately contact our compliance and enforcement officer on 01446 700111."

'We should value our treasures as other towns do!'

RESIDENT PROTESTS OVER TOWN'S LOST LANDMARKS

by GEM REPORTER

A LOCAL resident says more should be done to preserve the important buildings in Barry.

Gail Harris told The GEM the fact that work was starting on transforming the derelict Pontypridd Lido served to emphasise what the town had lost.

Gail, who lives in the Vale, but was born in the town and takes a keen interest in its development, said: "What a great pity that the Vale Council could not see the same potential for our lost Lido at Cold Knap.

"With funding secured, Pontypridd are now in the enviable position of resurrecting their old pool.

"Barry will never be able to regain the wonderful pool they so quickly bulldozed.

"I wonder if this is the plan for the lovely old building at Barry Island which was once the public conveniences."

Gail said it was only thanks to local people that certain landmarks had remained intact.

"It's almost at the point of no return. Is it council policy to let public buildings fall into such a state of disrepair that they have to be pulled down?

"We have seen too many disappear, thank goodness the townspeople of Barry made a stand over the town hall which is a credit to them and not the council."

The project to transform the lido on Pontypridd is costing £6.3m, but the hope is that it will bring thousands more people into the town.

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council says the lido will be open for about four months a year and will include a cafe.

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Barry At War volunteer Paul Tracy helps Vale staff deliver the wartime barrels to the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre, located at Barry Tourist Railway.

Rolling out the barrel!

CONCRETE-filled barrels that washed up on Barry Island beach following the storms earlier in the year have found a new home – at the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre.

The barrels are thought to have once played a key part in Barry's beach defences. They will now be used as part of a display to illustrate measures taken to protect Barry during the Second World War.

Barry at War Chair, Ade Pitman said: "These may not be the most exciting looking exhibits in our museum, but they are part of Barry's heritage, and as such it's great that they have been saved.

"We plan now to work closely with Barry Island Historical Society and other heritage groups to develop a fitting display for the barrels that will seek to highlight their significance."

The barrels were donated to the museum by the Vale Council after they were removed from the beach.

'Support island's wartime museum'

IN a recent issue of The GEM, there was a most interesting article on the Glamorgan Heritage Museum, currently based at the Barry Island railway station.

The museum is run entirely by volunteers and supported by many living historians who attend regularly. It offers a fascinating record of wartime activities. As a World War Two veteran, I frequently attend and chat with the visitors.

I find that that the reaction is always favourable. They say that their visit is both interesting and worthwhile. The children especially are full of questions, helping them learn more of the history of our nation.

This museum is a great asset to the heritage of both Barry and the Vale, and it depends purely on the voluntary donations of the visitors and the goodwill of the participants.

I would encourage readers to visit the museum and I urge the authorities to help to maintain this valuable educational operation.

Eileen Younghusband, Sully.

Awareness evening

A breast cancer awareness evening is being held on Wednesday, May 14 at Holy Trinity Presbyterian and Community Hall, Trinity Street, Barry.

The aim is to raise awareness of signs and symptoms, provide information about the breast unit at Llandough Hospital and also a new Macmillan project 'Beyond Breast Cancer'.

The evening starts at 7pm; all are welcome. The event is organised by Breastfriends (Cardiff and Vale Breast Cancer Support Group) which meets every third Friday of each month in Barry Library. For more information, contact Pam on 07919 035658.

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Local primary school points the (IT) way

BARRY ISLAND Primary School, which has won awards for integrating technology into its curriculum, is urging other schools to sign up for Digital 2014, a major digital skills event at the Celtic Manor Resort on June 9.

It is getting behind the free Welsh Government drive to bring together young people, educators and global ICT firms to discuss opportunities for young people as they progress through the education system and into the workplace.

The school's prolific use of technology has resulted in it becoming one of the lead schools for Hwb, the Welsh Government's flagship digital learning platform.

Flying Start visit in Barry

VAUGHAN GETHING, Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty, last week opened a new Flying Start childcare centre for children in Barry at Holton Road Primary School, which will provide places for 48 children in the Castleland area.

"Flying Start aims to make a decisive difference to the lives of children under the age of four and their families. It offers parents free part-time quality childcare for 2-3 year olds, parenting support, an enhanced health visitor service and help for early language development," an Assembly spokesperson explained.

Mr Gething also visited the Flying Start Family Centre in Gladstone Road to open its new Parenting Pod extension.

He later toured facilities at Flying Start offices on Skomer Road.

Tenovus Man Van stops off on Barry Island

Coun Ian Johnson at the Man Van with members of the Tenovus staff .

THE Tenovus 'Man Van' visited Barry Island recently, as part of its national campaign to raise prostate and testicular cancer awareness among men in Wales, and provide care and support to sufferers.

Funded by the 'Movember' campaign, where men raise money for charity by growing moustaches during November, and by Prostate Cancer UK, the 'Man Van' is staffed by nurses, counsellors and welfare advice guides to help men learn more about cancer and how to deal with diagnosis.

As part of its' first tour of Wales, the 'Man Van' was visited by Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who is a member of the Vale Council's health and scrutiny committee.

He said: "The 'Man Van' is an important step forward in making men talk and think about the effect of cancer. To some extent, we all prepare for getting older, but we never think that we might get prostate and testicular cancer, despite more than 3,000 men in Wales being diagnosed with them each year.

"The on-board bus staff are able to provide a listening ear, medical advice and practical help in coming to terms with diagnosis."

NEWS FROM PENARTH & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

LOOKING DOWN ON CAERPHILLY...

RACHEL'S planned 50th birthday celebratory walk at the glorious waterfalls in the Neath Valley was hastily put on hold because of predicted bad weather, so she and joint leader Clive took the group to Castell Coch at Tongwynlais, where only one short shower marred an otherwise dry and fairly bright day.

Clive had baked a birthday cake laced with brandy, which was cut and shared out between the group of 16 before they climbed uphill through Fforest Fawr and descending along the Taff Trail, they followed the path of the old Taff Vale Railway line.

Through wet woodland paths, they climbed uphill in a zig-zag fashion to Craig yr Allt ,remaining slightly lower than the summit because of the blustery wind.

Their reward was brilliant views out over the misty Bristol Channel, across Garth Hill; Taff's Well and Gwaelod-y-Garth, with the River Taff making its way downstream to Cardiff Bay in the valley below.

The delicious cake was scoffed beside the Nant Felen brook and beginning the gradual climb by field, track and road to Caerphilly Mountain, perhaps a few calories were burned! Reaching the breezy trig point, they were rewarded with clear views down to Caerphilly Castle and up the Afan and Rhymney valleys.

After a short detour to Caerphilly Mountain Snack Bar, boggy fields below the golf course led on to a slippery narrow path in woodland bedecked with sweet smelling bluebells and pungent wild garlic before an enjoyable lunch in a field below Bwlch-y-Cwm.

Following a track to Rhiwbina Hill and entering pretty woodland pathways in Fforestganol, they crossed a footbridge over the Nant Fforest brook to the newly upgraded Forest Tea Room with its welcoming fire inside.

Downhill paths led back to the charming 19th century Gothic red brick romantic folly built for the Bute family by William Burges, and the day was rounded off with a celebratory drink in the Lewis Arms.

On May 10, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk at Gelligroes and Mynydd Dimlaith; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On May 11, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 10.5-moderate walk around the ups and downs of south Gower; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On May 13, meet at 6 8am at Cogan for a 13-mile-moderate walk taking in Garway Hill and the stunning Kilpeck Church; contact William on 01446 747239.

On May 15, the first evening ramble will leave the bottom of Penyturnpike Hill, Dinas Powys for a 3.5-mile moderate walk in the St Andrews area; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

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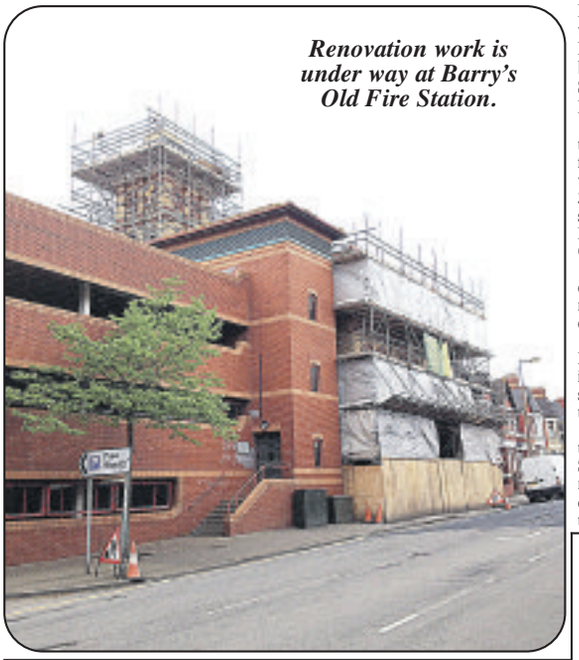

Renovation work is under way at Barry's Old Fire Station.

RESTORATION work on one of Barry's iconic buildings, the Old Fire Station on Court Road, has begun.

The station is a grade two listed building and famed for its tower. It was closed more than 30 years ago as a fire station, and last used by Barry Amateur Boxing Club.

It will be turned into eight flats and work has now begun on the exterior.

Coun Johnson, a Plaid Cymru councillor in the centre of Barry, said that he welcomed the start of work.

"I am very pleased that the Old Fire Station is finally being restored after being an eyesore and a danger to the public for many years. In the past, we have seen slates falling off the roof and the building has been allowed to fall into disrepair, forcing the council to go to court to take action.

"It is good news that the new owners are now pushing ahead in developing the fire station into modern flats while maintaining the exterior, including the look-out.

"As the flats will have their own parking at the rear, through Watson Street, they won't be adding to town centre parking.

"The Old Fire Station is one of Barry's historic buildings and I look forward to seeing it finally restored."

How an organ donation changed the life of local businessman Jay

A well known Cowbridge businessman has told The GEM why he supports a new organ donation law that will come into force next year.

Jay Patel, 60, is a familiar face in the Vale, as the owner of Downs Filling Station, Cowfor over 30 years.

Having been diagnosed with a kidney cyst in 2004, Jay developed kidney problems that required treatment by dialysis.

It meant that three times a week, every week, Jay would attend the University Hospital of Wales for his four-hour-long dialysis sessions. It was an arduous regime.

In August 2011, after more than five years on the transplant waiting list, Jay received the encouraging news that a kidney, which was a good match, had been found for him.

Jay said: " It was fantastic. I'd been in poor health for many years and was so pleased that I was going to receive a new kidney. I feel really blessed and grateful. It's made a huge difference to my life."

Raised in Uganda, Jay came to Wales with his family in 1973 when he was 19 years old, as a result of the expulsion of Asians under the dictatorship of Idi Amin the previous August.

His family came to Cardiff and took over the filling station business some seven years later.

Jay married his wife Jaysanti in 1978 and a couple of years later they settled in Cowbridge.

As a British Asian with Hindu background, Jay is well aware of the shortage of black and minority ethnic organ donors. His new kidney came from a white male, whose family chose to remain anonymous.

He explained: "There's nothing in the Hindu religion that prevents people from donating organs, or in any other religion for that matter.

"My wife was willing to give me one of her kidneys, but she wasn't a suitable match for me.

"I think people's unwillingness to donate is due to misguided concerns about the after-life. I can't agree with that and think you need to focus on the life you have now.

"A lot of people in Wales and the rest of the UK are suffering, needing new organs.

"I'm glad the Welsh Government is bringing in a new organ donation law. More needs to be done, especially within the ethnic community, to raise awareness of organ donation and encourage people to support donation.

"I'd like to see organ donation being talked about more openly. Cancer was once a taboo but public attitudes have been changed over recent years. I'd like to see that happen for organ donation."

New organ donation legislation will come into force in Wales on December 1, 2015.

Thirty-five people died last year in Wales waiting for an organ donation. The new legislation aims to create the conditions for an increase in the number of organ donors through the introduction of an 'opt-out' system.

Under the new system you will be able to be a donor by either registering a decision to opt in, or by doing nothing at all – in which case consent will be deemed given. Those that don't want to be a donor will also be able to register that they want to opt-out.

For more information on issues surrounding organ donation, go to www.organdonationwales.org.

Sports star's three rules for success

ON April 29, the guest speaker at Dinas Powys Probus Club was Nigel Walker, former Olympic athlete and Welsh rugby international.

He began by playing a short video of some of his best tries , both for Cardiff and Wales, and his blistering speed was incredible. Once away, no-one could catch him! He estimated that he scored around 80 tries for Cardiff over 120 games and 12 tries for Wales over 17 games.

However, his earliest honours came in athletics where he represented Great Britain in the 110 metres hurdles at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Although he didn't win a medal, he achieved a personal best.

By 1992, he could no longer compete at Olympic standard, and Mark Ring, himself an ex-Welsh international, suggested he try rugby, even though he was then 29 years old.

Cardiff had just appointed an Australian, Alec Evans, as their coach, and he motivated Nigel to concentrate on becoming a top-class player.

After 10 weeks training, he played in his first competitive match; after three months, he was in the first team; and within five months, was picked for Wales. He says that those five months changed his life.

Nigel now gives motivational talks to young people and provides three rules to follow:

Firstly, everyone has some talent so concentrate on what you can do, not what you can't. But, even with lots of talent, you have to work hard at it.

Secondly, you have to be committed and have a dream. Nigel was a full-time civil servant with a family to support, but he still fitted in 10 training sessions a week.

Avoid people with negative attitudes, surround yourself with like-minded achievers.

Thirdly, you also need luck: Nigel was persuaded by his sports master at school to try hurdling for one race, even though he had never previously attempted it , because his school house needed a point.

Within five races, at local and national events, he was Welsh champion. His luck was that if the master had not spoken to him, his athletic career may never have happened.

Nigel worked in the media and was later at the BBC, but is now National Director of the English Institute of Sport and is on the Appeals Board of the NSPCC.

The vote of thanks was given by Haydn Morgan.

CHARLES REES

Pupils pay homage to great artists

The pupils' art in the style of Mondrian.

YEAR-5 pupils at Barry Island Primary School and their teacher, Aled Williams, have recently completed a topic called 'Gallery.'

The children worked with great enthusiasm to recreate their own versions of paintings in the style of Mondrian (above), Seurat and Aboriginal art.

Examples of the artwork are on display in Barry Library until Friday, May 23.

Marnie Davies (10) said: "We have worked extremely hard on all our art and would love it if people could come and see it. We have made QR codes to help visitors learn more about our work."

The exhibition will also include computer art, photography and clay sculptures in the style of Henry Moore.

BOMBETTES' BAND NIGHT

SATURDAY, May 17, sees much-anticipated 'The Bombettes' Live Band Night at Barry RFC from 7.30pm.

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X Factor star Lucie Jones makes her Dinas return!

WEST END leading lady and former X Factor contestant Lucie Jones, will be making a 'return performance' when she takes the stage during the Dinas Powys Music Festival.

In February 2013, Lucie sang with Bethesda Community Choir to a sell-out parish hall.

Festival organisers are hoping she will have the same effect when she returns to join the choir on Monday, May 12 for their 'Gospel Sounds & Hog Roast' evening.

In May 2010, Jones was signed by Cameron Mackintosh to play Cosette in the West End production of Les Misérables, a role she missed out on the previous year owing to commitments to X Factor.

A festival spokesman said: "Since her last performance with the choir, Lucie has been on a world tour in the Queen musical, We Will Rock You.

"Now back in south Wales, she jumped at the chance to do a country-inspired set with the choir."

The following Monday - May 19 – the choir will be performing an additional concert at Salem Baptist Church in Beryl Road, Barry.

Tickets for the Music Festival (£10 - which includes the interval hog roast) can also be reserved by calling 029 2051 3401 or at bethesdacommunitychoir@yahoo.co.uk. Tickets for the concert in Barry (£5) can be ordered by calling 07760 666372.

Lucie Jones made her name on X Factor.

No change at Palmerston...

I WOULD like to quash any rumours that the educational courses and meeting facilities that are currently available at the Palmerston Education Centre are moving from there.

The three local Labour councillors requested a meeting with officers of the Vale Council before Easter, after hearing there had been a feasibility study into changing the use of the building.

Due to the holiday period, the meeting with senior council officers eventually took place on April 30, where we were given assurances that the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) will not be relocated to the centre.

It is clear that some people have been circulating this rumour and we trust this letter will end that false speculation.

New premises to house the PRU are being sought and relocation to Palmerston Education Centre was considered, but the views of the three local councillors was that this building was not a suitable location. The meeting confirmed that Palmerston Education Centre will continue as it is currently.

The Palmerston Education Centre is a tremendous facility for adult learning, as well as a community facility used by local residents and others, of significant importance and valued by everyone who uses it.

It provides many different courses and also hosts other types of courses and meetings, such as Cadoc PACT meetings. The Shakespeare Residents Association also holds their meetings there.

The list of activities that the centre provides is amazing and as local councillors we do not want to see these activities moved from Palmerston. We do not accept that you can relocate or replicate what is delivered in another building.

What makes Palmerston Centre special is the building, which has been an integral part of education in the area and is very much part and parcel of the community.

On a more personal note, both of my children started their education at Palmerston School and I am reminded of that every time I go there to a community meeting.

Coun Anne Moore
Labour – Cadoc Ward

Union vows to oppose Vale library proposals

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Unison union is planning to oppose proposed changes to libraries in the Vale.

Although the Vale Council has said that nothing has been decided yet, and that there will be a consultation period, the union says staff are "alarmed" at the proposals.

The Vale Council is proposing to replace paid staff with volunteers at four of libraries in the Vale - St Athan; Sully; Dinas Powys and Wenvoe.

There are also proposals to reduce the opening hours of the remaining libraries.

Phillip Carter, the Unison branch secretary at the Vale Council, said: "Staff and unions are alarmed at these proposals, which appear to be totally unrealistic and a significant step towards closure.

"Those staff facing the loss of their posts have seen no evidence of how these proposals will be implemented and how our libraries can be adequately staffed by properly trained volunteers. Temporary staff are also due to lose their posts, together with some administration positions.

"Under the proposals other staff will have their hours cut and libraries will only open for six hours on a Saturday with no late opening hours.

"Dedicated library staff have been left shocked and upset as this news emerged before these proposals had been officially discussed at the Vale Council cabinet meeting on Monday, April 28."

The Vale Council has said that Wi-fi and digital services will be extended.

However, Mr Carter still had concerns in this area. He said: "Our libraries are not just used to 'borrow books', for some people they are the only access they have to the internet and they provide a valuable service in educating the young and old.

"They are extremely important in the Government's campaign to get jobseekers back to work by providing workclubs and advice on setting up their Universal Jobmatch accounts.

"A campaign is now building to defend our libraries and the jobs of our librarians. The irony of these cuts is that the Vale Council has very healthy reserves of over £40 million and could well afford to save our libraries and staff if they so wished."

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Council, said: "The report considered at cabinet set out a number of important proposals to modernise our library services and ensure they remain a relevant community resource while also recognising the reality of ongoing pressures on Council finances. The proposals seek to protect rather than cut library services and include investment in buildings and services.

"The council has a healthy relationship with the trade unions and are currently in dialogue with all relevant parties on this issue. For this reason, representatives of Unison should be aware that the reserves that they make reference to have already been allocated for specific projects or are provisions for anticipated projects.

"It should also be confirmed that some reserves are Capital monies and cannot be used for wages.

"We are currently operating in a very austere financial climate. This requires us to change the way in which services are being delivered and the review of the libraries service is part of this process.

"No final decision has been made and the library review and the initial proposals have been referred for scrutiny by the Council's Life Long Learning Scrutiny Committee.

"Should any part of the strategy be approved then a process of consultation with both staff and the public will begin. The focus of consultation will be to seek to minimise any implication on jobs and terms and conditions.

"The council has a strong track record in this area and we are confident that by working with staff and the relevant unions this will be maintained."

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Friends' plan for more days out and about!

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Friends and Neighbours use two minibuses from the Voluntary Emergency Transport Service to accommodate wheelchairs.

The members are now looking forward to their May Meeting and their trip in June to Porthcawl with lunch and shopping in Bridgend and summer outing to Gloucester Quays.

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AM gets celebration surprise!

AT a packed event held in Dinas Powys Rugby Club last Friday, the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Party paid a surprise tribute to Jane Hutt AM, who has represented the Vale constituency for 15 years since the National Assembly's beginning in 1999.

Ms Hutt and Mrs Edwina Hart AM, are the only Assembly members to have served as cabinet members since the start, serving under three first Ministers – a record anywhere in the UK.

Over 100 people gathered at the rugby club for an evening of entertainment as Lorraine Barrett, former AM, interviewed Rhodri Morgan, former Welsh Assembly First Minister, about his life and career and played his favourite records.

"Rhodri's Castaway Classics" proved to be an interesting insight into the character of a man everyone thought they knew so well.

Rhodri's music selection was eclectic, starting with Doris Day's Que Sera, Sera, including several jazz numbers and ending with Paul Robeson's version of the American Labour ballad Joe Hill.

In the interval, Coun Chris Elmore, Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate, paid tribute to Jane Hutt for her hard work in the Welsh Government and her dedication to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan.

"Jane looked completely shocked as she was presented with flowers and gifts by Labour Party members, who were grateful to her husband Michael and their daughters who had helped to keep the presentation completely secret," a spokeswoman said.

Locket puzzle at local beach

by PHILIP IRWIN

A FAMILY on a visit to Llantwit Major beach has been left puzzled after finding a locket placed on rocks near the car park.

Quite simply, the puzzle is this – was the locket lost or placed there as a personal tribute?

Rob Lewis, who lives in Penarth and who now has the locket for safekeeping, told The GEM what happened.

He said: "We found the locket placed on a rock, on the beach near the car park.

"When we looked at it, it had an inscription, saying 'Daddy, You rock, love Gabriella and ****, 19/4/12'."

(*The GEM has left out one name from the inscription, so that the rightful owner can come forward to claim it*).

Mr Lewis said that the date was the crucial part, because the family found it on April 19 this year – exactly two years to the day later than the inscription on the locket."

The mystery locket found at Llantwit.

He said: "We were unsure whether it had placed there deliberately, or whether it was lost."

He said that it didn't seem the obvious place to leave a personal tribute, and therefore he was hanging on to the locket in case.

He added: "I can't help feeling there could be a story behind this, and I would love to find out what it is."

Mr Lewis can be contacted on 07799 417577.

Rhoose WI looks back on busy year at AGM

RHOOSE WI held its annual meeting on May 1 at The Community Hall. .

The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting and voting on the national federation resolution followed.

This calls on the Government to increase the number of organ donations made.

The resolution was carried with one abstention.

The minutes of the 2013 annual meeting and officers' reports followed. The treasurer, Susan Grant, reported a small surplus for the year.

The committee's annual report was given by the secretary Stella Hughes.

In her address, the president, Jenny Reed, noted that the WI had considerably added to its membership over the year and she thanked the committee and members for their support and enthusiasm, which had contributed to this success.

She also stressed the number of extra-curricular activities the membership enjoy. These include: a regular monthly lunch club, drama group, skittles, theatre and craft clubs, and the popular weekly coffee morning at the local café 'Coffee Time'.

Fundraising by the membership had included a Spring Fayre in May and a Coffee Morning in July. This funding allowed members to make an educational trip to Tredegar House and Garden.

Finally, after thanking the retiring committee for their support and hard work over the year, the president asked Eileen Eeles, a long-serving member, to give a vote of thanks to the committee .

The president then handed the chair over to WI advisor Shena Serjeant, who was to oversee the election of the new committee and officers.

The committee was re-elected unopposed, as were Jenny Reed, president; Stella Hughes, secretary; and Susan Grant, treasurer.

During other business, members were reminded that the main fundraising event, the spring fayre will take place on May 17 at The Community Hall, Stewart Road at 10 am, (organisers to report at 9am.)

Donations for the stalls and raffle were requested.

The raffle was won by Suzanne Hodges and the monthly competition by Jill Jones.

The next meeting will take place on June 5 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Sandra Barnes, who will talk about 'the e-mail that changed my life'.

New members and visitors will be welcome.

Events in May: May 9, craft club 2.30pm at 5, Odyn's Fee; May 15, Link meeting 7.30pm at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major; May 17, spring fayre 10 pm, the Community Hall; May 21, afternoon tea, 3.30pm at Hampton's, Penarth; May 23, skittles 2pm at Rhoose Social Club.

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Nocturnal bat and moth walk in Llantwit Major

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Staff from the trust will be talking about bat ecology and conservation – using bat detectors to pick up on activity in the grassland and woodland habitats in and around Cwm Colhuw.

They will also be keeping an eye out for other nocturnal wildlife, especially moths. A powerful light trap will be run to attract some of these beautiful nocturnal insects. Anyone interested should meet at 8:30pm in the beach car park. All ages are welcome but a torch and sturdy footwear are essential as the walk will be finishing after dark and some warm clothing and insect repellent is recommended.

Bad weather may cause a cancellation at short notice so check www.welshwildlife.org/events for more information,

Or you can email the trust's conservation officer, Vaughn Matthews at: v.matthews@welshwildlife.org.

WHAT'S ON - *in brief*

Shadows Club

MAY 13, Penarth Conservative Club, Stanwell Road (029 2030 9979); South Wales Shadows Club's meeting, 8pm, usually £3. All are welcome.

Plaid surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to an advice surgery by Couns Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan William, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges, joined by Steve Blakeman, Marilyn Brown and Barry Plaid Cymru team at The Community Room, The County Library, King's Square, Barry, from 11am until 12 midday on Saturday, May 10. No appointments necessary.

Become a life saver

WELSH Hearts charity is holding free one-off training for two hours once a month. It starts Monday, May 19 at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge at 7pm-9pm.

Contact Welsh Hearts on 02920 786521 or email fundraising@welshhearts.org.

BRIDGE

LATEST results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club are as follows:

WBU Celtic Sims on April 28, first: Tony Ratcliff and Mark Roderick (67.26 per cent); second: Anne Hughes and Lou Edwards (58.93); third: John Henson and Geoff Tinkler (58.63).

Witches of Eastwick

SUKI (Sian Owen) Jane (Llinos Lee) and Alex (Debbie Apollonio) are the fabulous Witches of Eastwick – who conjure up a man who has everything they desire – but some of their desires are a little dark, so these evil traits show themselves in the form of Darryl Van Horne, played by Ian Scott.

The show is at the Paget Rooms, Penarth on May 14–17 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Brian Gardner on 029 2071 2260, at Tenovus 23 Windsor Road, Penarth, Email: ticketsecretary@pods-penarth.org and www.pods-penarth.org.

The golden daffodils are Gileston's competition legacy

RIGHT: Irena Wasilewska and Geoff Nicholls admiring the springtime display of daffodils

THE chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition recently paid a surprise visit to Gileston, winners of the 2013 competition.

Village resident Geoff Nicholls was proud to show Irena Wasilewska around the village to see the 5,000 daffodils they had bought and planted with some of the prize money.

Irena said: "It would have taken a lot of hard work to plant all these daffodils, but the result is there for all to see – a wonderful, golden display."

For further information and an entry form for this year's Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village competition, contact Carole Alexander on 07751372537.

Oliver and Samuel Long playing hide and seek among the daffodils

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Many of those visitors came to the Vale of Glamorgan to enjoy the stunning Heritage Coast. The National Trust now attracts members and visitors to Dyffryn House, who also enjoy surrounding facilities and attractions, including Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and the rural Vale.

This month, we are celebrating the second anniversary of the Wales Coast Path which takes in the Vale of Glamorgan coastline. Thanks to Welsh Government funding, the Coast Path will be accessible all around the coast after it took a battering with the New Year heavy tides.

Barry Island continues to thrive – with a range of attractions – the fantastic beach, newly-renovated Coast Path from the Old Harbour and a second access road now being developed.

Festivals

NOW is the time to highlight the festivals taking place in the Vale of Glamorgan over the coming weeks ,which will all attract visitors from far and wide, starting with the Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival.

This renowned Festival opens today, Thursday May 8, at Penarth Pier Pavilion; with concerts over the next fortnight at Vale venues such as Dyffryn House, Fonmon Castle, Ewenny Priory.

Cardiff venues include BBC Hoddinott Hall, St David's Hall and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

This year, the festival will pay tribute to the composer John Tavener, who passed away as plans were being made by John Metcalf, the Festival's Artistic Director to mark his 70th birthday here in the Vale.

The composer was featured at one of the early Vale of Glamorgan Festival programmes and his music, alongside other contemporary composers, will be played at concerts over the next two weeks.

For further information visit www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk.

I will also be hosting a reception at Barry Island Station later in May to mark the start of the 2014 Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, organised by Valeways.

Over the weekend of May 29 – June 1 there will be walks across the whole of the county, suiting all interests and walking choices.

Many of these walks will attract visitors to the Vale from further afield in Wales, and the rest of the UK. *For more information visit www.Valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk.*

Beyond the Border International Storytelling Festival holds events throughout the year, but this global event originated at St Donat's Arts Centre and will be back again on July 4 at St Donat's Castle, attracting storytellers and visitors from across the world with a Storytelling Symposium on Health and Wellbeing. *See news@beyondtheborder.com.*

The Barry Arts Festival will be held at the end of July/beginning of August, with many events in venues around Barry, so watch out for the programme which will also help to put Barry on the map for visitors as well as local people.

Business boost

AN independent report recently featured the business benefits of the growth in tourism in Wales for the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors. Our Vale Marketing Group plays a major role in boosting the range of tourism businesses with support from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

This week, I also announced a boost to our economy through increased infrastructure investment in transport and the health service.

This includes an investment of £210 million in a new specialist cancer care centre enhancing the capacity of the Velindre Trust.

It will enable the construction of a brand new hospital to provide cancer patients with access to high quality services comparable with the best in the world.

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery this Saturday (May 10) from 10am – 12 noon at Castleland Drop-In Centre, Barry.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by **Jane Hutt AM** *(Minister for Finance)*

PACT meetings

DINAS POWYS PACT *at Bethesda Chapel, Fairoaks, Dinas Powys, on Monday, May 12 at 7pm.*

BUTTRILLS PACT *at Barry Library, Kings Square, Barry, on Thursday, May 15 at 6.30pm.*

Please note a change to the ***COURT PACT*** *public meeting. It will now be held at The YMCA, Court Road, Barry, on Thursday, May 15 at 7pm.*

Coffee and Chat *will be held at the Green Dragon, Llancadle, on Tuesday, May 20 at 11am.*

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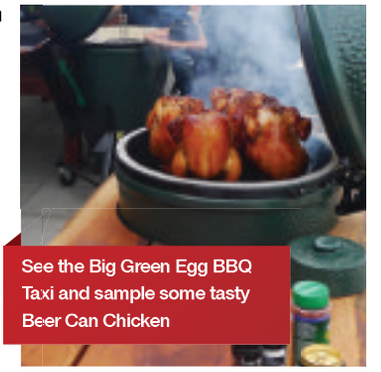

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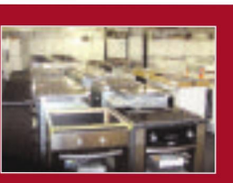

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The trekkers leave Penarth for Peru

MARIE CURIE SUPPORTERS TACKLE INCA TREK IN PERU

ON Friday, May 2, staff at the Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale bade farewell to 17 intrepid supportrs who were heading off to spend 10 days trekking the Inca Trail in Peru.

The group, consisting of local supporters, Marie Curie staff and volunteers, have spent the last 18 months training hard and fundraising to reach their minimum target of £3,750 each.

A spokeswoman said: "We are thrilled to announce that they have raised over £65,000 for the local hospice already, and with money still coming in from sponsorship and events, they are likely to raise a considerable amount of money for Marie Curie.

"The group will spend the next 10 days trekking through the Peruvian jungle, taking in the dramatic landscape and sights of the former Royal Inca – enduring long days of hill climbing and altitude in parts as they reach the famous Machu Picchu ruins. This is a challenge not for the faint hearted and we would like to wish them a safe journey and a big thank you for all their amazing support.

"Also a big thank you goes out to Edwards Coaches, who supplied a coach free to take our group to Heathrow Airport and pick them back up."

Anyone interested in doing something similar should go along to an information evening at the Marie Curie hospice in Bridgeman Road, Penarth, on Tuesday, June 3 at 6pm, for a chance to hear about the exciting new trek to Costa Rica in 2016.

For more information on this trek, or any of are other overseas challenges, call the fundraising office on 02920 426068 or email helen.mulhern@hotmail.co.uk

'Lack of hospital beds is cause of poor ambulance performance' *says an AM*

TEN people suffering from life - threatening conditions living in Bridgend and the western Vale waited more than half an hour for an ambulance to arrive during March, according to Suzy Davies AM.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative Regional AM for South Wales West, said:

"In the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg health board area, which stretches from Swansea to Bridgend, a total of 24 people with potentially life-threatening conditions during March waited more than half an hour for an ambulance to arrive. These are Category A cases which include heart attacks and strokes. In such cases, every minute counts and delays can be literally fatal.

"The target response time for such calls is eight minutes, so waiting more than four times as long has got to have serious repercussions.

"Ambulance response times in Wales are in a mess. In March, just 55 per cent of ambulances arrived within the target time for Category A calls. The target is 65 per cent but that target, which is the lowest in the UK, has only been met once in the past 21 months.

"And the main cause of ambulance delays is a lack of beds in our hospitals. The Welsh Labour Government has cut the number of beds by a fifth over the past decade and the result is A&E departments crammed with patients waiting to be admitted when there are no beds available and outside ambulances are stacked up – as many as 14 at a time, with patients on board whom they are unable to discharge into casualty departments.

"Until the bottleneck in A&E departments is removed by putting more beds into hospitals, the ambulance situation will not improve. Welsh Labour has cut £800m from the Welsh NHS budget over the past three years and you cannot do that without the serious consequences which the people of Wales are having to live with.

"People have already died because of delays in ambulance responses – how many more must be sacrificed before Labour starts spending the money needed to solve these problems?"

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Lettings agency calls on local landlords to take advantage of ethical pricing

LIVING Quarters Wales, a new lettings agency covering the Vale, is calling on landlords to take advantage of their free rent guarantee insurance and clear pricing structure.

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By choosing one of three clear service options available, landlords will avoid the common practice in the sector of publicised low charges and imposed hidden costs at a later stage.

Newly-appointed Manager Julia Benham said: "I am excited to be running such a promising new venture and look forward to working with landlords across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Finding a lettings agency with such a high ethical focus is extremely rare in this day and age."

Julia Benham from Living Quarters Wales with Paul Roberts, chief Executive of Cadarn Housing Group, the parent company of the new lettings agency.

Living Quarters Wales welcomes questions from landlords with a single property to landlords with large portfolios across the Vale and south Wales.

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Historic motor show in Brecon

BRECON Motor Club, in collaboration with The GEM's sister paper, The Brecon & Radnor Express, has announced that a new historic car and motorcycle show is to be held annually in the Brecon area.

The inaugural event on Sunday, August 3, at the Brecon Beacons National Park visitor centre in Libanus, Powys, will raise money for 'The Prince's Countryside Fund,' and celebrates the touring heritage of Brecon and the Beacons.

An optional '40-Mile Guided Scenic Tour' of the Brecon Beacons countryside will be held in the late afternoon for all participants with suitable vehicles.

Entries are invited from the owners of veteran, vintage, classic, sports and prestige vehicles.

Cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles (including tractors) are also welcome.

For spectators, entry to the event and the visitor centre is free although a small charge for parking is made.

Donations to the 'The Prince's Countryside Fund' will be welcome.

Awards for the 'Best Car in Show' and 'Best Bike in Show' will be made before the close of the event.

Entry forms are available from Mark Weller, the Brecon Motor Club secretary, by email at secretary@breconmotorclub.co.uk or via mobile 07711 885388.

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Depp and company fail to Transcend sci-fi flick into a watchable work

THE job of a cinematographer is to make a film look as good as possible, and bring the director's vision to reality.

One of the finest cinematographers working today is Wally Pfister, whose work with Chris Nolan has created some incredible cinematic moments. Stepping out from underneath Nolan, Pfister makes his directorial debut with *Transcendence*.

Johnny Depp plays Will Caster, one of the finest minds working with artificial intelligence. When Will is shot by a radiation-laced bullet, fired by a member of anti-technology extremist group Rift, his body starts to die, but his mind is very much alive.

His wife Evelyn (Rebecca Hall) makes the decision to upload Will's consciousness into a computer so that he may live on, something she is warned by colleague Max (Paul Bettany) may have disastrous consequences – and when Will's consciousness begins to become overly powerful, Max's worst fears may be realised...

The link, and division, between man and technology has been most recently brought to screens smartly and stylishly by Spike Jonze in *Her*, but is a subject matter that has been around for decades, from the one extreme of the murderous Hal in *2001* to the slightly lesser example of murderous sentient robots in *I, Robot*.

Sadly, *Transcendence* finds itself closer to the latter than the former, the intriguing concept and argument of man's reliance on technology and the murky moral question of extending life artificially is wasted in a leaden film that fails to come to life, lacking in narrative propulsion and anything engaging.

For a film about the value of life, it feels strangely lifeless, Jack Paglen's script raising interesting points but failing to expand or resolve these into something worth watching.

Instead, it simply meanders along in first gear with very little in the way of exciting moments or twists and turns; it's very much a Roman road of a film, taking a straightforward route towards a conclusion that peters out.

The themes that Paglen reaches out to are rich and ripe for addressing; how technology can both aid and hinder man, how much power you can grant to a machine, and what happens when technology becomes sentient.

That he only really brushes over these is a waste of time, opting for something a lot simpler and lacking in confrontation.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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The Rift group, the film's big bad (or, possibly, good), seemingly dislike technology but use it to locate Computer-Will, making them a tad hypocritical, but their aims and intentions are never fully explained, a prime example of how Paglen's intentions don't match up to the actual realisation.

The film also does a good job of wasting a talented cast, Johnny Depp laconically drawling his way through an unspectacular performance that at least is shorn of the fancy dress, bells and whistles of his usual turns, while Rebecca Hall's tormented Frankenstein-like wife seems to spend the entire film questioning just what she's done but without ever doing anything about it.

The likes of Paul Bettany, Morgan Freeman and Cillian Murphy are all fine actors, but here are wasted in roles that require very little of them, in particular the latter two, who are seemingly there to boost the star power of the cast in rather humdrum roles.

The most disappointing aspect of the film is Wally Pfister's direction, which, rightly or wrongly due to his association with Christopher Nolan, feels Nolan-lite. The sweeping shots, the visual composition, even the colouring, feeling like somebody has opted to ape the director's style.

He aims for something epic yet intimate, but falls somewhere between the two; the scope is there in parts, while shots of flowers and dripping water may be artistic but serve little purpose, and in the case of the latter, only make you more conscious of your bladder.

The overriding feeling of *Transcendence* is a wasted opportunity; wasted for Wally Pfister, whose talents will hopefully overcome this poor work, for Jack Paglen whose script lacks punch and depth, and for a cast who can deliver so much better when given something to work with – a shame, as it had the potential for so much more.

VERDICT: Promising so much and delivering so little, *Transcendence* is a film that could and should have been so much better. The cast seem to be running on auto-pilot, the script raises intriguing questions but fails to answer them, and Wally Pfister's direction has more than the air of his old employer Christopher Nolan – a truly botched effort. *Poor*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: 2001: *A Space Odyssey* (1968), *Wargames* (1983).

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'Food poverty is a scandal of our time'

– SAYS CHURCH LEADER

ABOVE: Archdeacon Peggy Jackson

"FOOD poverty is a scandal of our time – although the work of the Foodbank organisation should be applauded," said Archdeacon of Llandaff, Peggy Jackson.

She was proposing a motion at the recent meeting of the governing body of the Church in Wales which supported the work of foodbank organisation, while "deploring the social and economic conditions which have made foodbanks a necessity".

She said the words of the Archbishop of Wales at the opening of a recent local foodbank, "glad to be here, sad to be here", aptly summed up how churches should feel about them and how they should respond to the situation of food poverty.

"It is a scandal of our time that our economically-recovering wealth-creating society should at the same time have created a horrifying gulf between the rich and comfortable, and those we have condemned to a cycle of poverty."

One of the largest operators of foodbanks is the Trussell Trust, whose latest figures show that the number of people receiving help in Wales last year increased by 120 per cent and of those, 65 per cent were people who received only one voucher for one parcel of three days' food.

"Families are forced to approach foodbanks for help as a last resort, when the choice otherwise is between one of the loan sharks, or the family going hungry, " said Archdeacon Peggy.

Singing Aloud in South Africa

CONGRATULATIONS to four Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg pupils; Nel Lewis, Huw Jones, Efa Cray (year-7) and Tanwen Cray (year-9) who wedre chosen to sing with Only Kids Aloud at a festival in South Africa, to celebrate 20 years since the end of apartheid in that country.

Only Kids Aloud performed with singers from South Africa, as well as world renowned artists such as Bryn Terfel.

The choir made national news when a number of youngsters were taken ill with stomach upsets on the flight home. Medics treated some at Heathrow Airport and others were taken to hospital.

All the youngsters who attend school in Barry were back attending lessons the next day on Tuesday, May 6.

FLORAL DISPLAY

MAY is a busy month for Barry Floral Society: On May 13, members and friends will enjoy an afternoon tea, flowers by local florist Alison Bentley of Wenvoe, and a display of arrangements by the society.

On May 20, area chairman Mrs Kathy Lee of Whitland, will entertain the club with her demonstration 'Recycle'.

The meetings will be held at St Nicholas Community Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, from 2.15pm. New members welcome.

The Big Welsh Walk launched

CULTURE and Sport Minister, John Griffiths AM, joined walkers on a Ramblers Cymru Big Welsh Walk at Southerndown beach in the Vale for a special celebration – to mark the second anniversary of the opening of the Wales Coast Path and launch the third Big Welsh Walk.

The anniversary also sees the start of the 'Love the Welsh coast' campaign, run in partnership with Natural Resources Wales.

A month-long programme of walks and other events highlight the Wales Coast Path and attract visitors to the coast. Information about the campaign can be found on the Wales Coast Path website (www.walescoastpath.gov.uk) or by using the hashtag #lovethewelshcoast on Twitter.

The Big Welsh Walk consists of hundreds of led walks, run by local Ramblers groups, Lets Walk Cymru groups and partners such as CADW & Wildlife Trusts, which the public can join throughout May. As part of Love the Welsh Coast, many of these walks will take place along the coast path.

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THIS year's Local Newspaper Week, running from May 12-18, features some strong messages of support from high-profile figures, including Dame Helen Mirren.

Oscar winner Dame Helen Mirren said she was pleased local media published the arts: "Local and regional newspapers play an important part in promoting and sustaining the arts at a local level. They also campaign on behalf of their readers, expose wrongdoing and corruption, and uphold free speech. These are just some of the reasons why I am supporting 2014 Local Newspaper Week."

Former Olympic champion Jonathan Edwards pointed out: "Only the local paper can fully reflect the pride and passion of a community when 'one of their own' achieves something remarkable on the world stage."

TV presenter Richard Madeley insisted: "Readers who keep the faith with their local paper help keep the heart of their communities beating strongly. *Support your local paper*!"

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'Local press essential for democracy, and a voice for powerless in society'

by DENNIS HARKUS

LOCAL newspapers, such as the Glamorgan GEM, are important in challenging the powerful, reporting news, and providing essential information to the local community.

They can also reflect, and demonstrate, the importance of public action.

With the arrival of social media it would be easy for some to see local journalsim as yesterday's news but that would be a grave mistake.

The news media has the ability to hold power to account, to raise public concerns, and give a voice to the powerless. Local newspapers are a vital part of our democratic process.

I well remember the battle raging about the plan to build a high density housing estate on Cemetery Approach.

At the time, the council, who were to receive a considerable amount of money from the sale of the land, seemed to regard public concern as an irritant, brushing off community anxiety and protest. Despite Freedom of Information requests; a petition of more than 11,000 names; evidence that the land was open space; and many, many, written objections, the council was still determined to discount public opinion.

The planning committee awarded permission through the chair's casting vote before eventually overturning that faulty decision prior to the local elections.

However, all this did not stop the momentum towards a public inquiry.

Public opinion did eventually win the day when the housing developer withdrew from the process weeks before the inquiry.

I believe The GEM and local media played a key role by regularly reporting events, asking questions of the council and the developers, and printing the many letters from members of the public.

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LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK 12–18 MAY

Pupils make a difference – and sweep the board!

Pictured are president of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, Dr Colin Williams and headteacher Mr Ian Bird with the winning pupils.

PUPILS from West Park Primary School, Nottage swept the board at a recent Young Writer competition, organised by the Rotary Club of Porthcawl for schools in the area who were set the task of writing a story with the theme 'what a difference that made to my life'.

The adjudicators were impressed with the high standard of entries, with stories ranging from magic pennies and talking dogs, to earthquakes and the first man on the moon.

The pupils showed the ability to grab the reader's interest and wrote lively and well-paced stories which engaged the reader throughout.

Caitlin Lloyd won first place with a very believable story about a girl who stood up to a group of bullies; her story has gone through to the district competition, which covers most of south Wales.

Second place went to Rhys Jones and third to Mary-Jane Kutkaitis. Owen Hopperton and Milly Edwards were also commended for their stories.

Representatives from the Rotary Club of Porthcawl visited West Park Primary School to present certificates and prizes.

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'Publishing our news in The GEM helps to raise awareness of our school in the local community' – SAYS ACTING DEPUTY HEAD

ACTING deputy head of Gladstone Primary School, in Barry, Helen Reilly, who is responsible for liaising with the local media, regularly submits press releases to The GEM with whom the school has a particularly close relationship.

"The links between school and the community are continually evolving, and publishing our news in The GEM on a regular basis helps to raise awareness, within the local community, of the good work that is taking place here at Gladstone," she says.

"The children love to see their faces in the newspaper and we have a board by the main office displaying our recent press cuttings.

"We also have numerous files of cuttings, which not only make interesting reading, but are an informative catalogue of life in Gladstone over the years."

(SEE 'EXCITING TIMES AHEAD' REPORT AND PICTURES ON PAGE 16)

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LOOKING BACK ON HECTIC TERM AT GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Children love to see their faces in The GEM!'

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK 12-18 MAY

(Continued from page 15)

EXCITING changes are now taking place at Gladstone Primary School, in Barry, with major building work and renovations being carried out in both infant and junior buildings.

As the school starts the final term of the academic year, we reflect back on a busy spring term...

Year-6 children enjoyed a successful residential visit to Stackpole in Pembrokeshire, participating in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and mountain biking. All children achieved the John Muir award, which demonstrates their commitment to exploring and conserving the environment.

Gladstone achieved the National Quality Award for Healthy Schools and the Platinum Award for Eco Schools which gave everyone reason to celebrate, whilst children from year-5 performed a spectacular dance in the Schools Dance Association at the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff.

Both children and staff dressed in red and Welsh attire to celebrate St David's Day and dressed up again for World Book Day, this time as their favourite book characters.

On a sporting note, £500 was raised for Sports Relief; year-4 children received table tennis coaching from Welsh champion, Stephen Jenkins and year-5 received coaching from Cardiff City. The school rugby team took part in a tag festival at Colcot Primary and will take part in the Cardiff Arms Park Festival later this month.

Representatives from years-3 to 6 took part in an enterprise project 'Speculators to Accumulators', where they set up a successful fruit cafe at play times. Watch this space for their next exciting venture!

Term ended with the traditional Easter bonnet parade – the weather was kind and the whole school gathered outside to watch the wonderful creations.

HELEN REILLY

ABOVE: Easter bonnet competition winners.

Collecting a healthy schools award.

ABOVE: Road safety training with Kerbcraft.

ABOVE: Performing at Sherman Cymru in Cardiff.

On the beach at Stackpole.

ABOVE: Pupils on a visit to Stackpole.

ABOVE: The school's TAG rugby team.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Flying Vet is sent to jail

MAURICE KIRK, the Vale 'Flying Vet', is back behind bars.

Mr Kirk, (68) who has lived at addresses in St Donats and Barry, was found guilty at Cardiff Crown Court of breaching a restraining order by making disparaging comments on the internet concerning Dr Tegwyn Williams and threatening to burn down his house.

He was jailed for a total of 16 months.

While being sentenced via a video link from Cardiff Prison, Kirk continually interrupted Judge Rhys Rowlands and minutes before the end of the case, he walked away from the camera.

Christopher Smythe prosecuting, said that Dr Williams had been "thoroughly harassed by Kirk's activities".

Before being sentenced, Kirk insisted he wished to take legal advice about certain matters.

"I want immediate adjournment," he said. His application was refused.

The Judge said that last May, Kirk breached the restraining order and threatened to set fire to Dr Williams' home.

"That threat was taken seriously by the Court," he said.

He added: "This is the second time you have been convicted of breaching the order. You deliberately flouted it, and your behaviour has had a profound effect. Dr Williams has had to relocate."

The Judge continued: "It is plain to me you are not in the least contrite and you believe you are above the law."

The Judge said that during the trial, his behaviour had been extraordinary and he appeared to view the law with "complete contempt".

Maesteg man is sentenced after attack

A MAESTEG man who attacked a teenager has been jailed for three months at Cardiff Crown Court .

Leon Walker (37) of Greenwood Avenue, Maesteg Park, admitted causing actual bodily harm.

He denied attempting to inflict grievous bodily harm with intent.

That plea was accepted by the prosecution and the not guilty verdict was recorded.

Walker, who had been remanded in custody, was immediately released.

Throughout the hearing, which was by means of a video link, Walker continuously wept.

Prosecutor Ian Kolville said the victim suffered burns on his arm, caused by an electrical item. He had earlier shouted abuse at Walker.

The boy suffered a "raw wound" and blistering.

Walker's counsel, Matthew Roberts, said: "He is not a man prone to violence."

Said Judge Philip Richards: "This boy suffered a very unpleasant injury. I'm not satisfied you fully intended to cause the injury, and I'm sure you feel great regret at what occurred."

He added: "You are not a saint, you have committed offences in the past."

Warning for Barry woman over drugs

A BARRY woman has been warned that if she appears before the court again for a drugs offence, she will go to prison.

Michelle Margus (47) of Park Crescent, had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of possessing amphetamine and she was also in breach of a suspended sentence for possessing mephadrone with intent to supply.

She was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for two years, and made subject to a two-year supervision order.

She was also made subject to an electronically-tagged curfew from 8pm to 7am for three months.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on January 28, police went to her home in connection with another matter.

They spotted a set of scales on which were found small traces of amphetamine.

She was totally co-operative and said what the drug was.

Said Judge David Wynn Morgan: "It is your good fortune that all that was discovered were traces of amphetamine."

He added: "Next time, it'll be straight down, got that?"

Man is fined for possession of cocaine in club

SECURITY staff at a Bridgend nightspot detained a clubber who they suspected of possessing drugs, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Gavin Rees, 21, was searched by police officers and was found to have a quantity of the class A drug, cocaine, worth £70.

Rees, a scaffolder, of Attlee Terrace, Maesteg, admitted possessing the drug and was fined £500 and ordered to pay costs of £340.

He was also said to be in breach of a suspended sentence for aggravated vehicle taking.

Judge Rhys Rowlands told him: "Instead of watching your step that night, you were drunk and in possession of cocaine."

Prosecutor Jonathan Headington said Rees was detained by security staff at the Sax club, Bridgend, on February 22.

At the time, he was drunk and was later found to have 0.6 grammes of cocaine.

He told the police: "It's down my trousers," and indicated it was for his own personal use.

He was said to have a previous conviction for possessing drugs and to have been cautioned for possessing cocaine.

His counsel, David Williams, said: "The suspended sentence had only 15 more days to run. He earns £350 a week net and has worked since the age of 16."

The judge said it would have been unjust to have imposed any part of the suspended sentence order.

Man took drugs into Parc Prison

AN inmate of Parc Prison, Bridgend, who was found in possession of a Class C drug has been jailed for a year at Cardiff Crown Court.

Lewis Addis (23) of Victoria Road, Penarth, admitted taking a prohibited substance into prison and possessing it.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said that at the time, Addis was serving a 64-month sentence for causing grievous bodily harm and for robbery.

He was spotted by security staff and the following day when he went to the lavatory, a pack containing 20 Suputex tablets were found.

The drug, said Mr Trigg, was a heroin substitute and Addis said it was for his own use only.

The 12-month prison sentence is to run concurrently with the 64-month sentence.

'Mini-stroke' awareness class

STROKE nurses are inviting people across the ABM area to information sessions and blood pressure checks as part of Action on Stroke Month, which takes place throughout May.

This year, nurses, together with the Stroke Association, are focussing on Transient Ischaemic Attacks (TIAs), commonly known as mini-strokes.

Stroke co-ordinator Kath Roche explained: "Some people mistake a TIA for a funny turn but it isn't – it's a medical emergency.

"TIAs are sudden, unpredictable and can last seconds, minutes or hours but never longer than 24 hours. One in 12 people who suffer a TIA will go on to have a stroke within a week, usually during the first few days.

"46,000 people have their first TIA each year and around 10,000 strokes could be avoided if they are investigated and treated quickly. This is why it is so important for people to recognise TIAs."

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Young harpists shine at festival

Triawd Iolo Morganwg Caitlin Morris, Sara Jones and Cesia Lewis.

LOCAL harpists shone in the South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians held in St John's College, Cardiff, over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Caitlin Morris and Cesia Lewis, pupils at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, competed in the junior harp competition. Caitlin took joint first place and was awarded the Megan Trophy; Cesia was awarded a medal.

The Iolo Morganwg Trio members Caitlin, Cesia and Sara Jones then took first place in the junior instrumental ensemble competition. Harpist Anwen Fardy from Ysgol Bro Morganwg was highly commended in the young recitalist competition.

The festival chair, John Reynolds, said he was really pleased with the level of entries. Thanks go to St John's School, the adjudicators for providing constructive appraisals of performances, and to parents and teachers for their support, which all contributed to a wonderful weekend of music making. **CG**

Caitlin Morris receives the Megan Trophy.

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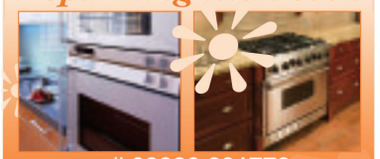

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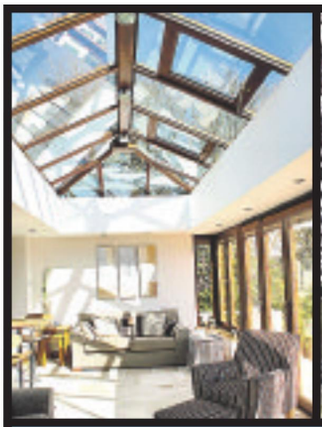

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Probably in the late 1940s, the garden belonging to the cottage was redesigned by Ralph Hancock, a Welsh garden designer, who had become internationally renowned since he was commissioned to design a garden for Princess Victoria in 1927.

His fame grew throughout the thirties and forties when he built roof gardens for the Rockefeller Centre in New York and Derry & Toms in Kensington, London.

He won several gold medals at Chelsea and in 1948 he built the gardens at Twyn-yr-Hydd, Margam.

To create a less formal 'cottage garden' at St Quintin's, he brought in Westmoreland stone to give a 'wild' effect, with a series of rockeries and pools which cascade down the side of the hill to a wildlife pond at the foot of the garden, and stone paths linking flower gardens, lawns and shrubberies.

An Italianate fishpond and fountain strike a classical note at the foot of wide stone steps leading to a sloping lawn, which overlooks the surrounding countryside.

Although the formal design of the garden has softened over the last 65 years, the essence of Hancock's vision has been respected and may still be recognised in its sunlit terraces, shady pools and arched walkways.

The garden is open on Sunday, May 25 for the NGS, between 2pm and 6pm. Access is by 24 steps and there is no wheelchair access.

Lorna Callaghan

Neighbours don't like messy gardens next door

Make your outdoor space spick and span

PEOPLE spend, on average, four hours each week ensuring their homes are spick and span but remarkably, one in four people in Wales have never cleaned their garden, a study has revealed.

The national survey of 2,000 garden owners, which was commissioned by Jeyes as part of its Great British Scrub Up campaign, also found that 27 per cent of people in Wales have never cleaned their patio with one in three people quizzed saying they didn't realise the importance of cleaning and disinfecting outside areas.

A total of 63 per cent of people in the region also admitted they are unaware of harmful bacteria that could be lurking in their garden.

Despite this, Welsh folk aren't shy when it comes to rating their own 'room outside'; 69 per cent of green-fingered home owners said they are proud of their garden with the average home owner having splashed out more than £1,000 on their garden since moving in.

The survey also found that 42 per cent of people in Wales said they feel annoyed if their neighbour's garden is a mess with 40 per cent admitting to regularly having a sneaky peak over the fence to see what their neighbours have been doing with their garden.

Dr Clare Jackson, research and development director at Jeyes, said: "This survey has thrown up some really interesting findings about the cleaning habits of people in Wales, especially learning that one in four people are missing cleaning outdoor areas that can harbour germs."

Visionary behind Dyffryn Gardens

THE man behind the vision for Dyffryn Gardens, Reginald Cory, is the subject of a talk free to National Trust members on Monday, May 12 at 7:30pm. Admission to the house is from 7pm.

He was hugely influential in horticultural circles and devoted his life to the collection, propagation and cultivation of huge numbers of plants. Many specimens and champion trees still remain in the grounds today.

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THE Miss Wales event was held at the Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot.

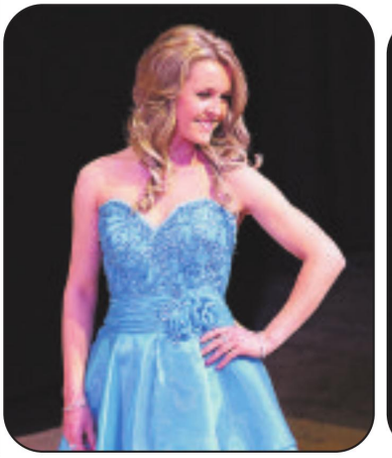
There were 40 finalists from the length and breadth of Wales and The GEM's Glyn Evans was on hand to capture all the glamour and excitement of the evening.

The winner – and Miss Wales for 2014 – was Alice Ford from Radyr in Cardiff.

Miss Bridgend.

Miss Vale of Glamorgan.

The winner Alice Ford from Cardiff.



A real life tale of Downton Abbey!

Ann Morgan, Lady Carnarvon, and Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards.

A RECORD attendance of almost 200 members, demonstrated the popularity of a TV series when Lady Carnarvon visited the south Wales branch of the English – Speaking Union to speak on 'Lady Carnarvon and the Real Downton Abbey'.

She spoke movingly on the challenges that faced Lady Almina, 19-year-old illegitimate daughter of banking tycoon Alfred de Rothschild, who married into the Carnarvon family, bringing with her an enormous fortune and who, with the onset of the First World War persuaded the Earl to turn their home, Highclere Castle, into a military hospital.

With letters by George Washington and Winston Churchill in the family archives, Lady Carnarvon quoted from a wealth of social and political memorabilia with a depth of knowledge that confirmed the diligent research she had undertaken in writing several books on the Carnarvon family history.

Branch members now look forward to a visit to Fonmon Castle on the evening of June 12 for the annual garden party with the Ogmore Vale Silver Band.

Lord Strathcarron will speak at the September lunch following in the footsteps of Mark Twain as he journeyed through India.

For details of membership please contact Derek Morgan, branch chairman, on 01656 669129 or email dwcaym@googlemail.com.

HISTORIC DAY AS THE QUEEN SEES THE WORK OF ATLANTIC COLLEGE

THE QUEEN and The Duke of Edinburgh visited UWC Atlantic College on Wednesday, April 30, to meet the college's international students.

The occasion marked her third official visit as patron of UWC Atlantic College, the founding college of the UWC (United World Colleges) movement.

The Queen last visited the college in 1993. UWC Atlantic College has since celebrated many landmark events, including its 50th anniversary in 2012.

The Queen and the Duke were welcomed at the gates of St Donat's Castle by chair of board of governors at UWC Atlantic College, Stephen Cox CVO, and college principal, John Walmsley, and by Dr Peter Beck, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, together with other civic dignitaries.

Following a bespoke performance by the students' a cappella choir and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, the visitors met representatives of the college's student body, which is made up of 350 students from over 90 countries.

The royal party visited an exhibition of student work and life at UWC Atlantic College which illustrated the college's unique educational offering.

The college's new and pioneering qualification, The Atlantic Diploma, combines a rigorous academic curriculum, based on the International Baccalaureate, with a demanding co-curricular programme – focused on community-service activities and on a number of social care and environmental initiatives.

Commenting on the historic visit, John Walmsley said: "We were honoured to welcome her Majesty and his Royal Highness to St Donat's Castle on this, their third visit to UWC Atlantic College and are delighted that they continue to show a keen interest in our work, particularly at such an exciting time in the college's history.

"UWC Atlantic College's founding mission, to promote international and inter-cultural understanding, remains as relevant today as it was in 1962, at the height of the Cold War.

"The late Earl Mountbatten of Burma's vision to expand the concept has resulted in what is today a global education movement. By 2015 UWC will be represented by 13 similar colleges worldwide.

"As the founding college, UWC Atlantic College provides an unparalleled offering as it seeks to inspire and nurture future leaders, through a curriculum that values active service within the community alongside the academic rigours of the International Baccalaureate."

QUEEN'S VISIT TO ATLANTIC COLLEGE BRINGS OUT SUNSHINE – AND SMILES!

Students from around the globe were thrilled to see the Queen.

'VALE HAS INCONSISTENT APPROACH TO SCHOOLS FUNDING'

says regional AM

LAST week's GEM featured a story revealing the Vale Council's £1.2 million real terms cuts to school spending – information I received directly from the council following a freedom of information request.

This is an issue of deep concern to local residents, many of whom have contacted me about this issue. I was not "playing politics" with education as the cabinet member claims: I was drawing your readers' attention to facts that I received from his own department. School spending is down by £1.2 million across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Coun Elmore puts the cut down to lower pupil numbers, yet Stanwell has received a marginally higher budget – despite their pupil numbers falling.

It is a fact that pupil numbers are down at Cowbridge for this school year – but only by three pupils. As a result of this, the school has had almost £150,000 slashed from its budget. The trend for the last few years has been a steady rise and pupil numbers are expected to rise again for the coming school year.

Ultimately, there doesn't appear to be any consistency and it is only right that residents get the chance to judge these figures for themselves.

Welsh Conservatives have pledged to fund schools directly. At present, local education authorities are retaining around 20 per cent of the education budget they receive – money which should be spent on teachers and learning materials, not bureaucrats.

As for the Welsh Labour Government that Coun Elmore proudly champions… on top of record-breaking cuts to the Welsh NHS, they cut £77.5 million from the education budget this year.

Rather than getting bogged down in a row over statistics, the cabinet member should look into these inconsistencies in school spending and ensure that he learns from his mistakes when next year's budget is put together.

Andrew RT Davies,
(South Wales Central AM and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives).

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D825:

£2,000: 842708.

The rollover, which now stands at £11,000 was not won this week.

£10: 680383, 975800, 239339, 417343, 419592, 202021, 448370, 635046, 444900, 497102, 130203, 293618, 607926, 122805, 431910, 105932, 881318, 186140.

£5: 724397, 825549, 706131, 728006, 711220, 834780, 142073, 577700, 121636, 432917, 330953, 650558, 482729, 247910, 814831, 495531, 393691, 195908, 525282, 623449, 164982, 641682, 481224, 602005, 481947, 227442, 318949, 206886, 436389, 621726, 343110, 223332, 178461, 557591, 587482, 245848, 979229, 511333, 250817, 213675, 849204, 877211, 413039, 509252, 727905, 684333, 154473, 253359, 199622, 162397, 830054, 291009, 253443, 241883, 656548, 387315, 668962, 810611, 158475, 665532.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Charity twmpath for MS charity

Former pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc are holding a folk dancing evening to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society on May 16, from 8pm at the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

The caller will be Goronwy Jones. All are welcome and tickets are £5 at the door.

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WHAT'S ON in brief

Carers' support

CARERS looking after a loved one with dementia can find out what Crossroads in The Vale offer in the way of support, when Age Concern Cardiff and Vale hold an advice session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, May 13 (10am-12pm). No appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Amelia Trust

THE Amelia Trust Farm will be calling for volunteers in the Vale Volunteer Bureau office, Llantwi Major, on Friday May 9 from 11am – 1pm.

For more information, contact 01446 782030, or www.ameliatrust.org.uk.

Open Forum

OPEN Farm Sunday will be taking place on June 8 with hundreds of farms across the country opening their gates to celebrate British farming and food, including Amelia Trust farm in the Vale.

The working farm is set in 160 acres of countryside, which includes 28 acres of woodland and a variety of habitats.

There will be a wildlife talk, nature-based activities and a guided tour. Opening hours on the day: 2pm – 4pm.

Concert for charity

BRIDGEND Male Choir will raise funds for Marie Curie with a concert on Saturday, May 10 at Trinity Methodist Church, Porthcawl (John Street) at a cost of just £7. Tickets are available at the door from 6.30pm for 7pm.

Bake-a-Cake for hospice!

TO celebrate the 30th anniversary of George Thomas Hospice Care, amateur bakers are asked to bake cakes and sell them to raise money for the charity on Tuesday, May 13.

Bakers can also enter their cakes into a competition and win fantastic prizes. Welsh chef and cookery teacher, Angela Gray will judge the cakes and decide on the Bake-a-Cake Day Champion. The winner will receive a day's cookery course at the Llanerch Vineyard cookery school with Angela worth £165. Second place will win a Skill-builder course and third will receive a Lunch-club for two people.

Angela is supporting the event in memory of her mum Betty, who was cared for by the staff there.

To register and get your full information pack and cake sale form, call GTHC on 029 2052 4150 or go to www.gthc.org.uk.

Advice on Open University

COWBRIDGE Library will be hosting an Open University advice day, May 14, between 11am and 2pm. All are welcome.

World War 1 tales from the Vale

TWO of the 25 walks in this year's Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War One.

The first, in Ewenny, will give walkers the opportunity to hear stories of the two sons and two grandsons of Lt Col John Picton Turnbull, who lost their lives in very different circumstances.

The second, in Barry Island, will recall the people, places and stories of Barry in World War One, including setting out in a rowing boat to confront a German vessel!

No booking required. Visit www.valeofglamorganwalking festival.org.uk for the full details of the walks. Call Valeweays on 01446 749000 (Mon – Wed 9.30am – 2pm).

Church concert

ON Friday, May 9, Canton Rugby Male Voice Choir will be in concert at St Augustine's Church, Penarth from 7.30pm; admission £5, inclusive of refreshments.

Art retreat

THERE will be an art retreat at St Claire's Prayer Centre, Porthcawl on Saturday, May 10 at 11am – 4pm.

For details call 07866277560 or email freshstart.grice@gmail.com www.siobhangrice.com.

Charity bike ride

BARNARDO'S Ambassador and Olympic medal winner Jamie Baulch is getting on his bike for the charity and is encouraging people to follow his lead.

The 33rd On your Bike for Barnardo's will take place on Sunday, May 18 around the Vale to raise crucial funds for young victims of sexual exploitation.

Entrants 12 – 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. *To find out more log on now to www.barnardos.org.uk/onyourbike or call 02920 436236 or email events@barnardos.org.uk*

MINI BURN: *'Let the training commence!*

*DOUBLE world record holder **MARIA LEIJERSTAM** from the Vale of Glamorgan, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and qualified personal trainer, will inspire you with a weekly column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales.*

Maria will guide you on how and where in your area you can combine sport and fitness into family fun…

Last weekend I decided that with only eight weeks to go before the Mini Burn Multisport event at Margam Park, it was time for team training to begin.

On June, 28, my sister Nina, 37 years old, and her 7 year old son, Luca, will be taking on this year's event that involves 3km of running, 1km of kayaking, 10km of mountain biking and 2km of orienteering.

By making the announcement at 7am in the morning that training had begun, both Nina and Luca were dressed and ready in minutes.

For Nina, it was a break to be able to get out of the house on a sunny morning and go for a much needed jog and for Luca, the excitement of going on a proper run with adults meant there was no fuss when it came to getting dressed.

We began with a gentle circular 3km jog along a bridleway and through some beautiful fields that were flush with summer flowers.

For both Nina and Luca, it's important that the majority of their running is on soft terrain to protect Luca's growing body and reduce jarring on Nina's body to avoid any joint problems.

By running off-road also helps to maintain and build strength in the foot and the ankle as they both have to work much harder to keep balance on the uneven terrain.

Off-road running is a lot of fun as it takes you to places you normally would not go. It was great to watch Luca's smile grow ever larger with the collection of mud that was gathering on his legs. There is something very liberating about running straight through a puddle of mud.

Following our run, we spent ten minute practising yoga to help to stretch and calm the body ready for the day ahead.

Gentle stretching, where each stretch is held for 30 seconds, is very important after a run as it helps the muscles to relax. This reduces soreness and allows the body to expell lactic acid far more effectively.

Why not take on the Mini Burn this year and follow my training tips for the next few weeks?

Set yourself the challenge. Log onto www.burnseries.co.uk/youradventure for full details.

ABOVE: Maria Leijerstam

Make sure you join me next week for more adventures.

FOOTNOTE:

This column is provided for idea purposes only. Always check with your doctor if you have any concerns about your health prior to embarking on any form of physical activity and always let someone know where you are going.

Have you heard of Glympse? It's a brilliant free app that shares your location with anyone you want for a specified period of time.

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Street surgery

INDEPENDENT councillors Richard and Robert Bertin will be holding a special petition surgery in Hannah Street, Barry between 10am-11.30am on Saturday, May 10, when they will be collecting signatures in support of a new relief road linking Gladstone Road and Dyfan Road. Contact Coun Richard Bertin on 01446 73227.

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Good start for the Llantwit Cavaliers

AFTER all the rain in April it was nice to get out on the field for the first league game of the SWCA season.

The Cavs lost the toss and were asked to bat first against Kidwelly on a not too surprising damp wicket. Julian Griffiths top scored with 41, and useful contributions from Sam Pickford (31), Harry Withers (29), Neal Pritchard (28 not out) and Jake McNaughton (25) helped the Cavs set a respectable 199 for 8 off 50 overs; just one run short of full batting points. The bowling honours went to Kidwelly's Kyle Griffiths who took five wickets for 42 runs from his 15 overs.

Thanks to Julie Cheal for the fantastic teas; much appreciated by all, as always. The Cavs took to the field looking to put in a good fielding performance and blow away any rustiness and cobwebs from the close season.

Kidwelly were bowled out for 48 in the 33rd over with Elliot Pritchard taking 4 for 18 from 11 overs on his 1st XI debut. Jono Cheal also took 4 wickets for 14 runs from 10 overs with 5 maidens.

Opening bowlers Sam Pickford (6-2-6-1) and Gareth Hughes (5-3-2-0) also put in excellent performances with Stuart Davies taking the final wicket of the match.

An excellent performance from the Cavs; unfortunately we have a bye next Saturday but the Sunday XI are in action at Pontypridd in the G & M Sunday League.

CAVS 2ND XI (103 FOR 8)
KIDWELLY (88 ALL OUT)

The Cavs 2nd XI lost the toss and were asked to bat first on a day that was surprisingly warmer than forecast, with a bit of sun here and there making the conditions very pleasant.

The Cavs scored 103 for 8 off their 40 overs thanks in the main to Mark Coldwell who carried his bat for an invaluable 44 runs. Only one other batsman got into double figures but it was pleasing for the innings to last a full 40 overs in the first game of the season.

James Conick took the honours with the best bowling performance for Kidwelly 5 wickets for 25 runs off 10 overs. Nasir also took 1 for 12 off 10 overs with Ieuan Berry and George Elks also taking wickets.

The Cavs took to the field hoping to make inroads into the Kidwelly batting line up. Dave Cheal (1 for 31 from 10) and Phil Harris (4 for 30 off 10) opened the bowling for the Cavs with both bowling well with some bad luck here and there.

Phil took the first four wickets to fall before Dave took the vital wicket of James Conick [31] who looked like he was going to take the game away from the Cavs.

The Cavs bowled Kidwelly out for 88 in the 30th over with Lee Callard (2 for 10) and Scott Buckley taking the final five wickets between them. Shane Callard took two catches, with the best being a forward diving catch just inches off the floor.

A good performance from the Cavs and a satisfying start as we look to our next league game at Llandeilo in a fortnight's time.

DC

ABOVE: The winning team of Sian Lovell, Madeleine Johns, Sara Williams and Jacki Boyce.

Easter bonnets lead the way at golf competition

In second place were Helen Poole, Helen Ruttley, Rose Dawson and Elaine Mais.

LEFT: Three captains: Jan Cosby, Helen Poole and Tessa Matthews.

A BELATED Easter golf competition and lunch for the Cottrell Park Golf Club ladies was held on the Thursday following Easter, led by the ladies captain, vice captain and past captain wearing Easter bonnets.

A 12-hole Texas Scramble was played on a nice sunny morning. The winning team were Sian Lovell, Madeleine Johns, Sara Williams and Jacki Boyce with 41 points. Second were Helen Poole, Helen Ruttley, Rose Dawson and Elaine Mais.

Following a delicious lunch, Jan Cosby, the ladies captain, presented prizes to the winning teams. Chris Evans was congratulated on winning the Winter League and the trophy was presented to her.

A present was given to Sara Williams to commemorate her recent hole in one. Jan then thanked all the ladies who had helped to make it such a good day.

CB

Barry Wanderers leave it late to earn a close victory

ON a beautiful spring day, skipper Fenton typically lost the toss for Barry Wanderers and was surprised when Abercarn decided to bat on a soft and possibly unpredictable track.

Fenton and young Sam Harris opened the attack, the former successful with a wicket but the latter more accurate, with just two runs from his four overs.

Ieuan Wade and the evergreen Dave Morgan ably supported with a wicket apiece. Alex Rogan bowled tidily and with raw pace and young Luke Grant chipped in with a wicket too, before Harris and Fenton returned with three wickets between them. The Casuals finished on a very respectable 170 runs their 40 overs.

After a classic Wanderers tea, the ominous task of chasing down the target with an inexperienced batting line-up began. Peter Coleman and Dafydd Howells weighed anchor and were patient.

Coleman got a good one which took his bails off and he was gone for a solid 12. Lewis Downey enjoyed some good crease time and showed promise with his six. Theo Richards struck a mighty six into the car park and scored a useful 13.

The Wanderers were in a bit of bother at 68 for four which brought the last recognised 'batsman' to the crease in Fenton. He and Howells steadied the ship with a stand of 34. When Howells was caught for 19, Josh departed for a duck.

Promising Sam Harris was in at 8 and the partnership of 38 with Fenton was pivotal in the game. While Harris only scored five of them, his sensible head on young shoulders allowed the skipper to accelerate proceedings with some lusty blows.

Dave Morgan chipped in with a handy two and when Luke Grant departed for a first ball duck, the Wanderers were still 15 runs short with one wicket remaining.

Ieuan Wade was last man in and he was sensible with his approach. Fenton smashed a six into the woods to leave four runs to get. Wade edged one to short third man and a scampered single was enough to win a fantastic game of cricket – Fenton finishing on a game-changing 72 not out.

Thanks to Gareth Lanagan for sponsoring the game.

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MIXED WEEK FOR ROMILLY BOWLERS

BARRY Romilly bowls club played their first Munroe Cup match of the season at Romilly Park on Wednesday, April 30 against Barry Plastics bowls club.

The 'Rom' fielded a strong side for this midweek fixture and this showed in the end result, with Romilly winning on three of the four rinks and drawing on the other, taking 13 points to the Plastics' one point.

Saturday, May 3, saw both Romilly Club and 'A' sides in action in important games, ending in disappointment for the club side in their first Carruthers Shield game and the 'A' side returning to form in their SVLA game.

Romilly first team welcomed Kenfig Hill to Romilly Park for their first match in their Carruthers Shield group. On a perfect day for bowls, the game began with both teams struggling to find their weight and line on a heavy green and after five ends, the 'Rom' held the advantage, 19 shots to 12.

The game continued with neither side taking advantage of the conditions, with Kenfig Hill clawing back to be three behind after 10 ends.

Kenfig continued their comeback and by the 15th end found themselves ahead by six shots, 55-61.

The only Romilly rink doing well was that of Graham Cogbill who was well ahead 19 to 10. The rink skipped by Fred Phillips, although starting well and leading early on, began to leak shots dropping a four on three ends to be down 10-19 by the 15th end.

Other rinks skipped by Mel Newman and Jeff Wright also were one and five down respectively at the same time. Romilly, although behind by six shots going into the last six ends, still felt confident of recovering the deficit but every time Romilly were in a strong position holding the shot, the Kenfig Hill back players, in fairness, bowled the perfect bowl to win the end and subsequently the game by 10 shots, 73-83.

The next game is against Pontyclun away on Saturday and this is a must win game to give 'The Rom' any chance of progressing in the competition.

Romilly 'A' side played their second game in the SVLA last Saturday and after a disappointing defeat in their first game much more was expected in their game away against Llantwit Major.

Romilly started very well and were well ahead at halfway 49-28; by the 15th end they were still ahead 71-45. The rink skipped by Des Bannister played well throughout and over the last six ends took 10 shots to 4 to win convincingly by 26 shots to 14.

Another rink skipped by Brian Cheal made a similar score of 9 shots to 2 over those last six ends to close 10 shots ahead, 25-15.

The other rinks skipped by Bryn Gough and Bob Wyatt both won very tight games by 20-18 and 22-20 respectively to give Romilly a full house and 14 points.

FP

DADS FOOTBALL MATCH HELPS OUT TY HAFAN

A recent charity football match between The Ty Hafan Dads and Dan Evans FC certainly proved to be a big success, with the final total raised for the hospice being £2,166.

A spokesperson for the event commented: "It costs over £3million a year for this wonderful and essential facility to keep running so to help a little towards that has made everyone involved very proud. This is definitely going to be an annual event we'll all look forward to, and hopefully it will get bigger to raise more funds and awareness of this amazing charity.

"On behalf of both Dan Evans FC and Ty Hafan, we would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who made donations and prizes for the raffle; these included Lyndons School of Motoring, Dow Corning, Manchester United Supporters Club Glamorgan and Gwent Branch, Cardiff City FC, Cambrian Restaurant, Hedleys Restaurant, Carbon 60 Global, Chopper and Jo at Jacquie's fruit and veg, Ryan at Dinas Powys Stores, Ad and Uz at Premier Waterfront stores, Tony at ASH building services, Tesco Barry, The Copthorne Hotel, The Witchill Public House and The Cwm Talwg Public House.

"A thank you must also be given to the mini football teams of Island Marine and Cadoxton Imps, and Dave the chef and his Barry Celts junior football team; also Chris Bowsher for officiating the match and Jeff Griffiths.

A special thank you should go to Paul Fisher at Ty Hafan for the hard work he put in and the Ty Hafan Dads group for the massive effort they gave during the match. But the biggest thank you should go to the squad of the Dan Evans FC team for their tireless efforts to raise such a great amount – well done lads, you should be very proud."

If any teams would like to challenge the Ty Hafan Dads and raise much-needed funds towards helping these life limited children, young adults and their families please contact either Paul, Jeff or Becks at Ty Hafan on 02920 532200 for advice.

JH

Who wants to build what, and where?

UWC Atlantic College – **The Cavalry Barracks, United World College of the Atlantic, St Donats Castle, St Donats** – New door opening.

Mr Mathew Shields – **Waun Croes, Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys** – Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Albert Road Primary School, Albert Road, Penarth** – Relocation of existing radio transmitter.

Dr Robert Evans – **16 Marine Walk, Ogmore-by-Sea** – Proposed first floor balcony extension and introduction of two Velux rooflights to front elevation roof.

Mr John Charalambous – **70 John Bachelor Way, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Proposed garage conversion.

Mr and Mrs M Armitage – **Maesaeson House, Peterston-super-Ely** – Two story rear extension double garage and detached stable block.

Mr and Mrs Barwell – **The Anchorage, St Donats, Llantwit Major** – Alterations to existing dwelling, including loft conversion and demolition of existing pre-fabricated garage and the erection of new garage with study/store above.

Mr and Mrs Gerry and Jill Adams – **44 Port Road East, Barry** – Single storey front extension.

Memoria Limited – **Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium** – Change of use of land to be utilised as burial ground of the land within the curtilage of Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium.

Robert Thomas – **Highfield Farm, Colwinston** – Change of use from agricultural barn to village shop and cafe.

Mr Adrian Jones – **1 Ridgeway Road, Barry** – Rear existing extension to be rebuilt and small extension to side of house, existing parapet roof to be replaced with flat roof.

Mr Simon Richardson – **Penllyne Bungalow, Llanmaes** – Change of use of the land to the rear and extensions to the property.

Mr Nathan Pursey – **28 Jestyn Close, Dinas Powys** – Single storey extension to front of existing property.

Dr David Trotman – **Penarth Pier Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth** – A new sign 'Penarth Pier Pavilion' above main entrance to the pavilion.

CEMEX UK Materials Ltd – **Whitehall Quarry, Wallston Road, Wenvoe** – Proposed continued implementation of planning permission 04/00700/FUL without compliance with condition No 1.

Mr and Mrs M Jenkins Welch – **23 Highwalls Avenue, Dinas Powys –** Single storey side and rear extension to provide kitchen and family living space.

Mr Alan Rose – **Rohan Store, Unit 3, Birds Lane, Cowbridge –** Aluminium sign with illuminated lettering.

Mr Paul Silcox – **99 Main Road, Ogmore by Sea** – Proposed alterations and single storey extension.

Mr John Western – **Brooklands, Pen y Lan Road, Aberthin** – Single storey extension to the rear of the property, incorporating roof dormer extensions and the rebuilding and relocation of the separate garage.

Mr David Messer – **50 Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys** – Demolish existing sun lounge and construct single storey flat roofed extension.

Mr Jason Wells – **40 Cedar Way, Penarth** – Proposed single and two storey rear extension.

Mr Richard Ace – **1 Seys Close, Cowbridge** – Rear dormer extension.

Mr and Mrs Trivett – **Parc Coed Machen Farm, St Brides Super Ely** – Demolition of one and a half storey annexe with integral single storey cavity wall lean-to extension, garage and carport.

Mr Isaac Benjuya – **Land off Middlegate Court, Cowbridge** – To provide car parking for up to 22 cars, with bridged access across ditch, incorporating landscaping (renewal of 2009/00136/Ful).

Mrs Beryl Wilhelm – **60 Churchfields, Barry** – First floor extension to form new bedroom.

Mr Christos Tsakiris – **3 Llwyn Passat, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Proposed balcony to front elevation.

Mr Matthew Williams – **Craig yr Allt, Llancarfan** – Single storey rear extension.

Fat Face Ltd – **Unit 1, Birds Lane, Cowbridge** – One fascia sign and one projecting sign.

Silver Crescent Estates Ltd – **42 Clive Place, Penarth** – Proposed demolition of existing single and two storey rear annexes and rebuilding of two storey extension to rear of property, plus carport and bin store.

Mr H Navidi – **Mill Barns, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – Change of use of summerhouse to independent dwelling including access, parking and residential curtilage, mill barns.

Mr Andrew Whitley – **Birchbrook, Trerhyngyll** – Change of use of small parcel of agricultural land to domestic garden within the curtilage of Birchbrook and the erection of two sheds on the land. Change of use to allow the siting of two shepherds' huts and the construction of two wooden cabins to provide holiday accommodation.

Mr T Zeraschi – **Forest Cafe, Porthkerry Park, Barry** – Extension and alterations to existing cafe and associated works.

Mrs Sarah Thomas – **33 South Road, Sully** – Single storey flat roof extension to rear of property, approximately 3.1m x 3.2m.

Mrs Natalie Isaac – **April Cottage, Church Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – Demolish existing detached garage and construct first floor extension, porch and alterations.

Ms Cer Pearce – **41 Hewell Street, Penarth** – Retrospective planning application for regularisation of unauthorised rear single storey extension.

Mr Peter Hiscock – **The Grange, Llantwit Major Road, Llysworney** – Single storey orangery style extension.

Mrs Weeding – **3 Heol Ty Mawr, Pendoylan** – Remove suckers to T1 Oak; remove all suckers and repollard T2 Ash.

Mr P Burford – **56 Golwg y Coed, Barry** – Convert garage into a room and change up and over garage door for upvc French doors.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00367/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Relocation of existing radio transmitter
Location:/Lleoliad: Albert Road Primary School , Albert Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00384/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: To provide car parking for up to 22 cars, with bridged access across ditch, incorporating landscaping (Renewal of 2009/00136/FUL)
Location:/Lleoliad: Land off Middlegate Court, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00394/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed demolition of existing single and two storey rear annexes and rebuilding of 2 storey extension to rear of property, plus carport and bin store
Location:/Lleoliad: 42, Clive Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00395/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed demolition of existing single and two storey rear annexes and rebuilding of 2 storey extension to rear of property, plus carport and bin store
Location:/Lleoliad: 42, Clive Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00367/LBC
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Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00425/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Repair fountain in Pompeii Garden
Location:/Lleoliad: Dyffryn Gardens, Dyffryn
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00445/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Existing storm doors to be relocated down to ground level and 2 No external steps removed and part of floor removed internally; 2 No new step constructed along with an internal new DDA compliant ramp.
Location:/Lleoliad: Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, 1, Windsor Road, Penarth
Listed Building:/
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Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00373/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use of land to be utilised as burial ground on the land within the curtilage of Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium
Location:/
Lleoliad: Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00427/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a new synthetic turf pitch (STP) with associated features including lighting, fencing and new internal pedestrian access path arrangements
Location:/Lleoliad: Stanwell School, Archer Road, Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00452/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters for 131 dwellings, including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the west of Port Road, Wenvoe

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Location:/Lleoliad: Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2014/00398/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use to allow the siting of two shepherd's huts and the construction of two wooden cabins to provide holiday accommodation
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Ty Cerrig, Maerdy Newydd, Bonvilston

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 8th May, 2014

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

ANOTHER BRACE FOR 'BRACEY'!

DAVID BRACE OBE, of the Dunraven Stud at Pyle, brought his season's tally of point-to-point wins to 15 with a double at the well attended Tredegar Farmers' Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases.

The first leg was initiated when his promising five-year-old Dbobe (the clue is in the name) won the confined under Bradley Gibbs who celebrated his 20th birthday on Monday.

Gibbs might well have had a three-timer had luck gone his way in two of the maiden races. In the first division of the young horse maiden, he rode JimJim Mac Cool which ran out after jumping the last in front.

Then, in the first division of the open maiden, his mount The Omen also led at the last but a sliding saddle proved his undoing. Nurse Brace, like Dbobe is only a five-year-old, and ridden by Tom David she led from start to finish to score by ten lengths from Moontripper (Bradley Gibbs).

The day's riding honours went to Matthew Barber who won the restricted on Keith Pritchard's homebred Prince Eleanor and the men's open on John Miles's Gallaflynn.

The former won by ten lengths from Rainbow Haze (Bradley Gibbs) and the latter, who was the outsider of four, outjumped his rivals to score by four lengths from Loose Performer (Robert Hawker).

In the ladies' open race, Roger Willcox's Lauberhorn and Anna Metekhoy looked like making it a five-timer only to fall at the last fence when well clear of Horsham Lad and Phine Banks who went on to score by four lengths from Teenage Kicks.

Carmen Goldsworthy's Bit Of A Crack, who won the best turned out horse award in division one of the young horse maiden, was a 20 lengths winner under Ogmore's Nick Williams.

VALE RIDERS' CHELTENHAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the three riders from the Vale rode winners at the Cheltenham Hunter Chase meeting last week.

James Tudor was successful on Alan Hill's Sharp Suit, Evan David won on on Robert Luke's Chosen Milan and Nick Williams scored on Gareth Moore's Universal Soldier.

Beth Roberts's prolific Chesnut Annie took second place behind Theatre Queen in the mares' hunter chase.

BRIAN LEE

Liam shines in Rumble

ON Sunday, May 4, the Welsh Rumble took place at Warriors gym, Bridgend.

Fighters were matched at all levels in points, continuous and full contact fighting. The event was created by Master Jeff Copp.

Local youngster Liam Rees, age 16, was invited to fight for the Welsh kickboxing Union (W.K.U) Welsh Champion title fight.

Liam fell behind a few points during the first round, however he quickly gained points by using a full range of kickboxing skills, including two leg sweeps which gained him two points each!

By the second round Liam was a few points ahead of his opponent and was comfortably taking the lead.

At the third and final round Liam was way ahead in points and displayed outstanding talent and took the win and the title belt.

A fantastic performance from this young fighter once again.

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£134,950

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MOREL STREET, BARRY
Well presented throughout, mid terraced, traditional.Through living/dining room, fitted kitchen, ground floor shower room. Three bedrooms, enclosed rear garden, no chain - viewing essential.
£119,950

NEW
TATHAN CRESCENT, ST ATHAN
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Porty -Y-Castell Barry • £399,950
Well presented, 4 bed detached house enjoying an elevated position with panoramic sea views. Also comprising 3 receptions, kitchen, utility room & cloakroom plus driveway & garage. Close to The Cold Knap, Romilly & Porthkerry Country Parks, schools, public transport & local amenities.

Harding Close Boverton • £135,000
Great opportunity to acquire a well presented, 3 bed house close to local amenities, schools and public transport. Large, modern, kitchen / diner with french doors opening onto the rear patio, spacious living room with open stairs, 3 beds and tastefullly decorated bathroom.

Station Court, Dinas Powys • £192,000
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Brooklands, Dinas Powys • £224,500
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Cae'r Odyn, Dinas Powys • £224,500
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St Ambrose Close, Dinas Powys • £237,500
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Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys • £765,000
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Mill Road, Dinas Powys • £945,000
An outstanding, extended and upgraded period residence with detached garaging, set within grounds of 1.25 acres. Offering up to 6 / 7 bedrooms and potential for a self-contained annexe. A truly unique property, with origins dating back to 1426, situated within a short walk of the Village Square.

Foresters House, Leckwith • £495,000
Detached cottage with extensive ground floor accommodation, enjoying a rural & elevated position with far reaching views towards the Bristol Channel. Driveway with electric gates, landscaped gardens & extensive sun terrace. Potential to add additional 1st floor accommodation, subject to planning.

Church Road, Penarth • £112,500
2nd (top) floor flat, with pleasant views, forming part of a period conversion. Hallway, living room, kitchen, double bedroom & bathroom together with parking. Located on the fringe of the Town centre, within a short walk of the train station, seafront & pier. Ideal FTB or investment opportunity.

Elderberry House, Penmark • £459,500
Detached house with double garage, driveway & pleasant grounds forming part of an exclusive development within this small, traditional village. Also comprising 3 reception rooms, kitchen / breakfast room, utility room & cloakroom plus 4 bedrooms (master with dressing room & en-suite) and bathroom.

Great Thomas Close, Rhoose • £122,000
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South Road, Sully • £475,000
NEARING COMPLETION
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NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 39 ST ANDREWS MAJOR) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2014

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Dyddiedig 8 Mai 2014

The above order, made on the 15th day of April 2014, under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, will extinguish part of Public Footpath No 39 St Andrews Major running from NGR 31236 17042 to NGR 31238 17059 as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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Dated this 8th day of May 2014

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NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 43 ST ANDREWS MAJOR) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern,

We, **James Bagnell & Matthew Mazzitelli**, hereby give notice that we have applied to The Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at **Llantwit Major Rugby Field.**

The application is to permit regulated entertainment such as: **Live Music, Recorded Music, Performances of Dance. 1400 to 2200 hrs for one Saturday in July every year (2014 date - Saturday 12th July).**

Any person(s) wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Dated May 6, 2014.

Family Notices

EDWARDS
Doris

Peacefully at home with her family in Sigingstone, Doris, widow of the late Glyn. Loving mother of Jonathan and Julie, mother-in-law to Alan and Lynn. Grandmother of Kate, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Sarah and Rebecca, great-grandmother of Hollie, loving sister of Marion.

She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

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'Start walking into healthy future!' MP URGES

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies attended an event hosted by the Ramblers last week – to discuss how they can help to build a 'walking Britain'.

The Ramblers held the reception in Parliament to put walking high up on the agenda ahead of the general election in 2015 and highlight why people should vote for a walking Britain.

Nicky Philpott, Ramblers Director of Policy and Campaigns, said: "We'd like to thank Huw for joining us to talk about how we can build a walking Britain. Walking offers an effective, low-cost solution to many of the problems we face. It's good for our mental and physical health and therefore reduces healthcare costs, it supports local economies and it's good for the environment and your local neighbourhood."

In order to build a walking Britain, the Ramblers is calling for the Government to help promote an active, healthy lifestyle, protect the places people walk and improve access to the outdoors.

Huw Irranca-Davies said: "I was delighted to attend the Ramblers' reception and hear about how they hope to create a Walking Britain. I am an avid supporter of this much loved pastime and am privileged to be president of the Glamorgan Ramblers and a vice-president of Ramblers Cymru.

"One of my last great walks was a sponsored 50-mile walk 'beating the bounds' of the Ogmore constituency.

"Walking is a really beneficial activity but it is sometimes overlooked and many of the benefits are not being fully realised. The next Government must work to rectify this and fully exploit the value of walking across departments.

"As my party develops its manifesto for next year's general election, I will be working with colleagues to ensure we include policies which fully embrace the benefits that walking can offer, so that we can help build a healthier, happier Britain."

Regional AM says 'A48 in an appalling state'

TORY Regional AM Andrew RT Davies on Tuesday spoke in the Assembly of the "appalling and unacceptable" state of parts of the Bridgend to Cardiff stretch of the A48.

He called for guidance from the Welsh Government over responsibility for the maintenance of major roads, including the A48.

He also claimed that more needed to be done to repair and maintain the route.

The A48 is a Welsh Government 'trunk road' meaning that they have ultimate responsibility for its maintenance. However, this is often contracted or delegated to local authorities.

Mr Davieshas asked for a statement on the arrangements between the Welsh Government and the local authority, with particular reference to the stretch between Bridgend and Cardiff.

Mr Davies said: "The A48 is a key gateway between Cardiff and the Vale, serving one of Wales' busiest commutes. In some stretches the road is an appalling and totally unacceptable state.

"The large potholes on the A48 could lead to dangerous accidents if left to decline further as well as long term damage to vehicles.

"Like many other Vale residents I use this road on a daily basis to get to work and it is clear that large sections of the A48 need extensive work.

"A considerable sum of public money was spent on controversial changes to the traffic lights at the Sycamore Junction, but it is clear that greater investment needs to go into resurfacing.

"The Bridgend to Cardiff section is particularly bad and it is pretty clear that its upkeep has been neglected in the last couple of years."

The Business Minister has said that the Welsh Government will be issuing a written statement in the near future.

A FLYING START FOR YOUNGSTERS

CHILDREN who attend Bridgend County Borough Council's Flying Start facilities enjoyed the fun of the farm on a trip to 'Wiggleys' near Cefn Cribwr.

The near 200 youngsters from Caerau, Plasnewydd, Bettws, Brackla and Afon y Felin had a fun day out exploring the farm and playing games, and Flying Start staff hope to make the trip an annual event.

Flying Start is the Welsh Government's targeted Early Years programme for families with children aged under four years of age in some of the most disadvantaged areas of Wales.

Facilities offer eligible parents free quality childcare for two to three year olds, parenting support, an enhanced health visitor service and help for early language development. To find out more about Flying Start, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk.

Sully Sports win out in local derby

GREAT playing conditions meant this local derby between Sully Sports and Old Penarthians produced the goods.

Both teams played fast open attacking rugby, and defended with crunching, no quarter tackles.

The referee played his part, allowing good advantage, and not overreacting to the few minor feisty moments. The game ebbed and flowed, with neither team dominating for long periods.

The Old Pens showed a lot of class in the open, with their three-quarters showing deft handling, support and off-loading skills, backed up with pace and intelligent angles of running.

Sully Sports held the upper hand up front, which eventually gave them the platform, and possession, to earn victory. Their scrum was immense, putting the Old Pens in great difficulty at the set pieces, and also at the breakdown area.

The forwards driving played a major role in wearing down the stubborn Old Pens defence, and provided plenty of good ball for the backs.

Despite an early failed long distant penalty attempt by Sully Sports, the visitors had the better of the opening 10 minutes, but gradually the Sports seized the initiative over the 15 minutes, and ran in tries from No 8 Jonathon Blake and winger Dave Stillman, with outside-half Chris Cummings adding one conversion.

The game then swung back to the visitors, and by halftime they tied the scores with two very good tries and a conversion of their own.

At the start of the second period, the Sports re-asserted its grip, with flanker Adam Wheeler and Dave Stillman grabbing tries, both converted by Cummings.

True to form, back came the Old Pens who reduced the arrears with a scintillating converted try, with ball being run out of their own half.

The pressure was now on the Sports, and after showing true mettle in defence, they slowly regained the upper hand, as the forwards stepped up to again seize the lion's share of possession.

With 10 minutes left, Wheeler got his second try, converted by Cummings, and the game was safe. Lock Alex Szuchnik was unlucky to have a late try disallowed, as the referee spotted a forward pass just short of the line.

The Old Pens failed to successfully get out of defence, then were penalised, and Cummings ensured a victory, that was not as comfortable as the 36-19 scoreline suggested, by kicking the penalty goal.

CLUB NOTICES

Following Saturday, there are still four re-arranged league games left to complete the season.

The first of these was due to be played last night (Wednesday) at home against Cardiff Saracens, and the second away to New Panteg, on Saturday, May 10. The other two league games, both against St Albans, are still subject to confirmation.

The season is due to end, on Saturday, May 24, with the club due to host a West Country touring team.

The club celebrates its 50th anniversary next season, and a number of special fixtures and celebratory events have already been booked.

Information will be published as appropriate, but would past players, and members, who would be interested in attending/sponsoring, please contact one of the club's committee.

One of the main events will be a black tie event to take place on Saturday, November 15, and bookings are now being taken.

MJS

Albion win

BARRY ALBION completed their 2013-2014 season with a win over Cardiff Airport.

They would like to thank Da Gennaro Restaurante Italiano of High Street Barry for their sponsorship and donation of the team kit, JJ Windows for the sponsorship of the player leisurewear and also Happy Embroidery of Dinas Powys for their contribution and printing of the Barry Albion player polos and match jackets.

Most important of all though, the club would like to thank every single player who has represented the club during the season.

LJ

Family time at tennis club!

LAST Saturday saw the launch of an exciting new free initiative at Barry Tennis Club, where parents and children get on court together.

From 10am – 10.45am, parents and their younger children (ages three-seven years) can enjoy some fun games to help children develop their agility, balance and coordination skills, which can be applied to all aspects of physical development, but with a specific focus on tennis.

Parents are fully engaged in the session (so dress appropriately and expect to use some of your own energy), and children love the on-court interaction where mums and dads have to do the same as them.

An additional benefit is that parents pick up some ideas on activity games appropriate to their child's stage of development that they can practice at home, and the parental role-model will have long-lasting effects on the child's willingness to engage in sporting activities.

In the later session, 10.45-11.30am, older children and their parents take to the courts for age-appropriate games and skills development, as well as mini tennis matchplay, in which the children compete against the grown-ups!

These sessions are running again for the next two weeks (May 10 and 17) and are completely free of charge to everyone.

If you'd like to take part or find out more, please call Penny on 07816 311263 or follow the club on Facebook or Twitter.

The new tennis season was launched with a well-attended open day at Barry Tennis Club last week, where established and prospective members, young and not-so-young players, enjoyed a variety of on court activities and off-court refreshments.

Mini-tennis courts were set-up for youngsters to try out games specially devised for children to develop a taste for the game and learn skills appropriate to their age and stage of development, while for the grown-ups there was a ball machine to challenge their reflexes, as well as a fun tournament in which over 40 players competed late into the afternoon.

The weather favoured the club too, with rain showers holding off until the final of the tournament was almost decided (this didn't deter the hardy players though, who battled through the elements).

The clubhouse was a hive of activity and the club was delighted to welcome many newcomers with enquiries about activities and membership.

While last year the club celebrated its centenary year, and applauded its past achievements, this year was all about looking to the future and planning for successes yet to come.

The club caters for all ages and abilities, and whether you want to meet new people, get a bit more mobile, enjoy a sporting activity with your children, or get into one of our teams, the club has something for everyone.

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Cup joy for Llantwit Major under-14s

ABOVE: The winning Llantwit Major under-14s team and RIGHT: Picking up the cup!

LAST Thursday saw Llantwit Major under-14s triumph against awful conditions, very strong opponents in Cadoxton, and tired bodies, after being made to play the final the day after the majority of the squad were involved in the Cardiff and Vale Schools final.

Victory was made even sweeter after having lost the previous year's final in extra time and the league the season before in a final match decider. These near misses in previous seasons gave Llantwit a steely determination not to let another opportunity for silverware slip by and this was evident from the way they went about the match.

The first half kicked off in awful conditions with heavy rain falling and standing water soon appearing but this did not stop Llantwit playing good passing football whenever they could.

The opening 20 minutes were very tight, but Llantwit, cheered on by some very vocal and positive support, fashioned a couple of chances for Moses Gee and Ben Boyd, but unfortunately neither effort troubled the Cadoxton keeper, with Gee's effort going wide off his less favoured left foot and Ben just failing to get over a headed effort from a corner.

Cadoxton, unbeaten all season, weren't just there to make up the numbers though and soon fashioned an outstanding chance of their own. After a bit of pinball and very wet bounces the Cadoxton centreforward found himself eight yards out with a free shot on goal, only for Joe Baker to pull off an absolutely outstanding point blank save that had everyone in Jenner Park shouting in either celebration or disbelief, depending on who they were supporting!

Disappointingly for Llantwit the resulting corner resulted in Cadoxton taking the lead when Llantwit watched a deep corner go over their heads and allowed an easy tap in at the far post.

Heads could easily have gone down and legs were heavy, especially after the previous night's game, but Llantwit settled right back into their game and started dominating possession and territory for the rest of the half.

As pitch conditions worsened and halftime approached, Llantwit's pressure paid off when persistence from Moses Gee set Ben Boyd up for a shot on goal and although not the sweetest strike of his very prolific season, it was enough to beat the keeper and goalmouth puddles and cross the line.

Llantwit took to the field for the second half with the coaches' warning to start the second half as they'd finished the first still ringing in their ears, and they certainly must have listened as within a couple of minutes of the restart Laurence Bowman yet again broke up play in midfield, strode forward and played a defence splitting ball into the right channel for Angus Mitchell to take in his stride, take into the area and slot expertly to the right of the flatfooted keeper to make it 2-1.

Before Cadoxton had chance to regroup Llantwit were at them again and some great passing and moving from the central midfielders, especially considering the pitch conditions, led to the influential Lewis Brown setting up Moses Gee on the right of the area and he expertly finished past the keeper.

Although Cadoxton never gave up, their heads were down and they started relying on long balls down the middle which Cole Baker, Ryan Malton, James Cook and captain Declan Ellis in the Llantwit defence dealt with with ease.

Llantwit continued to look dangerous on the break with Luke Beattie constantly looking to spring attacks from his holding midfield role and the ever-impressive Angus Mitchell never stopping running and keeping the opposition defence under constant pressure.

Llantwit were embarking on another dangerous break when the referee blew for full time, resulting in wild cheers and celebrations from the Llantwit players and supporters.

A cup win achieved by playing good positive passing football and despite a tough build up was massively deserved for this very talented squad of players who all contributed over a rollercoaster cup run - well done lads! **MB**

FINE BEGINNING FOR VALE FIRSTS

VALE Firsts commenced their 2014 league campaign at home against Monmouth.

Having won the toss, Vale skipper Nick Hogben had no hesitation in inserting the opposition on a wicket still showing signs of dampness from the heavy rain on Thursday.

Vale's opening attack of Ollie Pike and Hogben bowled tightly as a succession of maidens made life difficult for the Monmouth opening batsmen, with only 10 runs coming from the first 12 overs.

Although no wickets fell in this period, immense pressure had been applied with only six runs coming off the bat and six of the 12 overs maidens.

Youth was replaced with experience in the shape of Mark Francis and Darren Upham and it was Francis who made the initial breakthroughs, inducing a series of catches.

Upham was rock solid under a top edge, Chris Bradshaw showed all his former full back skills holding on to a towering catch at mid on and Hogben safely pouched a catch at cover.

Upham struck once at the pavillion end, with stand in wicketkeeper Paul Sheppard holding an excellent catch standing up to the wicket.

At the end of their spells, Francis had taken 3-26 and Upham 1-19 with Monmouth 44-4 after 24 overs. Two of last season's successful under-15s Luke John, making his debut for the first team, and Billy Yates, were then introduced into the attack as Monmouth skipper Turner valiantly set about trying to recover the Monmouth innings.

Yates struck twice with his slow left arm spin, aided by Bradshaw again holding on to a good catch, to finish with figures of 2-25 off his 10 overs. Hogben returned to bowl at the death and ended Turner's 59-ball stay, bowling him for 39. The Monmouth innings closed on 136-7 from 50 overs.

JP Davies and Matthew Gilbert built a steady start for Vale with a partnership worth 30 before Davies was caught for 12 in the 12th over. This brought man of the match Yates to the wicket and he provided the aggression as Gilbert settled into the anchor role.

This was an excellent combination and a valuable 54-run partnership was ended when Gilbert tried a slog sweep and was adjudged lbw for 20.

However, Vale were in great shape and Yates was showing wonderful maturity despite his youth. His maiden 50 for the club came off 78 balls, which with his bowling, had been a match-winning effort. Having reached his 50, a loss of concentration saw him depart and skipper Hogben soon followed him back to the pavilion, holing out to another catch.

However, Vale were not to be denied and the ever reliable Sheppard (19 not out) and Ollie Pike, who hit the winning run, saw Vale home with seven overs to spare.

This was an excellent start by Vale with a disciplined bowling performance, good fielding and a well-orchestrated chase bringing them 17 points.

What was as pleasing was that three members of last season's successful under-15s side made contributions to the win, with another two of that side ready to step into the first team if required to do so.

With other senior players soon to return, Vale can expect to be highly competitive in the promotion chase and will hope for a quick return to Division 2. **MF**

Sully bridge club

SULLY Bridge Club have just enjoyed a most successful week of attendance by its members.

On Monday, there were 14 full tables - 56 members - and on Wednesday 13 full tables - 52 members. In all, some 108 members came along to enjoy an afternoon of competitive and social Bridge.

The results for these two sessions are as follows:

Monday, April 28, North/South - 1st Peter Millar/ Chris Davies 61.86; 2nd Pat Evans/Jane Greatrex 59.94; 3rd Anne Johns/Joan Andrews 50.13.

East/West - 1st Peter Blackwell/Mary Blackwell 60.58; 2nd Marjorie Morgan/Helen Jordan 58.01; 3rd Richard Allely/Camelia Keegan 55.13.

Wednesday, April 30, North/South - 1st Peter Millar/ Trish Tracy 65.38; 2nd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 64.42; 3rd Ev Kerslake/Judy Collins 57.85.

East/West - 1st Carol James/Alan James 65.71; 2nd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 55.77; 3rd Anne Macdougal/Anne Hilary Jones 54.81. **EK**

Centurions fall short

SULLY CENTURIONS 1st XI lost an exciting encounter with Brecon at Burnham Avenue, in spite of an epic fight back by the bowlers.

Batting first, Sully lost several early wickets and were on 37/5 in the 12th over. But some fine batting by Tom Edwards (36) and newcomer Haris Binikram (30) gave the home score some respectability.

Nathan Cuddihy, with a cameo 8 not out at the end, helped take the score along to 126 all out in the 49th over. For Brecon, Williams, with a marvellous 6 for 19, and Phillips (3 for 15) did the damage.

The Brecon innings started shakily with skipper Lloyd Bruce removing Webber for just four with the score on 11. This was followed by Adam Sylvester trapping Kenchington lbw for 1, with just three more runs added to the total.

But a couple of decent stands for the third and fourth wickets helped the visitors to stay on top. Opener Smith continued to play his shots and was always a danger.

By the time Tom Edwards had taken the second of his two wickets, Brecon had reached 78 for 4 and looked to be cruising to victory. But a quick flurry of wickets courtesy of Nick Jones (3 for 22) and Pavel (1 for 32) had Brecon reeling.

The final breakthrough was not to come and it was fitting that Smith, who carried his bat for 52, should hit the winning runs.

A defeat, but this young team can take heart from the performance and the way in which they refused to give in until the end. Centurions 126 all out Brecon 129/8.

The seconds made the short journey to Dinas Powys with only nine men and were on the receiving end of a hiding, losing by nine wickets.

Having lost the toss Centurions were asked to bat on a damp wicket. This was to prove crucial as wickets began to fall with regularity – only veteran captain Dave Sylvester reached double figures as the home side pressed home their advantage.

He was last man out on 17 when the innings ended on a paltry 51 all out. The wickets were shared between the bowlers with Clogg (2-8) and Mitchell (2-2) being the pick of the attack.

The Dinas innings got off to a slow start with Joe Hayer and Reece Bennett bowling a tight line. Hayer got the breakthrough, having Dimarov caught by Luke Burnett for just 2, with the score on 4.

Both bowlers plugged away but with only 51 runs to defend and big gaps in the field caused by fielding with only nine men, it was an uphill struggle. Reece Bennett could count himself unfortunate not to have had any victims as he beat the bat several times with no luck.

Dinas took only 14 overs to reach the target without any further loss of wickets. Dinas Powys 57/1 Centurions 51 all out

This week's games are against Pontymister, with the 2nd XI at home and the 1sts travelling.

The May 100 Club winners are number 50 (Dave Sylvester) and number 92 (Mike Slack). **MF**

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Excellent turn out for the kart club

DESPITE coinciding with the Easter weekend, Llandow Kart Club enjoyed its biggest turnout of the 2014 season so far at its April meeting, boosted by the arrival of no fewer than 28 drivers for round two of the Bambino Kart Club's national tour.

Sadly, the weather did not follow the trend set across the first two rounds of the season, but the mix of rain and cloudy conditions could not dampen the enthusiasm on track.

The massed Bambinos – from all parts of England and Wales - were split into three groups for the day's proceedings, with all drivers 'competing' against the clock to better their respective lap times in three eight-minute 'heats' followed by a final.

Awards were presented to the first 10 places, with medallions for the rest. Llandow regulars Ella Stevens, Nathan Browning and Max Hall faced strong competition, but finished well in the standings, while Cwmbran resident Caleb McDuff was followed throughout the day by Sarah Lawrence and a cameraman from slFirst Magazine. Caleb is deaf and hopes to progress to F1 through karting. slFirst Magazine is online with a report, photographs and a film of Caleb at Llandow.

Outnumbered for once, the combined Cadet classes still managed a 21-strong entry, with Honda, Comer and IAME all represented. As he had in March, IAME runner Shay Keough led the field home in the final, having shared heat honours with Ethan Rees, who took second in class in the main event, with Zach Arthur completing the podium.

A hard-fought Honda class eventually went the way of Joshua Martin, who led double heat winner Harry King across the line in the final. Both drivers finished in the overall top three, sandwiched between Keough and Rees, while third-placed Honda runner Oscar Ferguson completed the top five.

It was another strong weekend for the Ferguson family, with brother Stuart having claimed the opening heat, before finishing fifth in class behind Jack Fordham in the final.

Comer silverware was claimed by Max Fenlon, who had shared heat wins with Conner Kearney and Jakob Chamberlain earlier in the day. Kearney and Chamberlain duly finished second and third in class, with Shayne Clarke fourth overall.

Five familiar faces made up the Honda Junior class, but proceedings were dominated by Kristian Prosser, who continued his strong start to 2014 with an unblemished record. Patrick Hill provided the closest thing to opposition, with four second places on the day, while third spot was fought over by novices Jack Bligh, Alex Wilkins and Sofia Nardone. Sadly, a DNF denied Bligh a shot at the podium in the final, allowing Wilkins to join Prosser and Hill in the top three.

With a packed schedule limiting track time, the Junior TKM, Rotax and Minimax runners were combined for the weekend, producing a 15-kart spectacle. TKM honours eventually went the way of Alex Rees, but not before Jack Barber and Yousuf Ashraf (2) had shared the head victories. Barber claimed second in class in the Final, with Ashraf completing the podium.

Junior Rotax was a little more one-sided with Rob Ellis claiming three victories from four races, with only an exclusion blotting his copybook.

That misdemeanour allowed David Spiller to edge heat two victory over Ceran Sokhi, but Ellis would not be denied in the main event, leaving Sokhi to beat Spiller to the line for second spot.

Former Cadet frontrunner Ethan Ling came out on top in Minimax, having earlier shared heat honours with Riley Phillips, who duly took second spot ahead of Jem Hempworth in the Final.

Senior Honda's resurgence nearly made it into double figures, but one name – that of Nathan Read – dominated the results sheets through the three heats. When it mattered most, however, Read found opposition from Danny Griffiths, with the LKC regular claiming his second final in as many months by just 0.79secs. Cristiano Nardone completed the podium, ahead of Monty Gorringe and Chris Lipscomb.

There were 10 runners on track in Senior Rotax, where Josh Gray appeared the man to beat after claiming victory in each of the three heats.

Unfortunately, when it came to the race that mattered most, the frontrunner found himself demoted to third spot as Kasey Watson and Zach Jones fought over victory, eventually being separated by just 0.25secs. Tom Stride and Dilip Singh completed the top five.

Round four of the 2014 championship takes place at South Wales Karting Centre on Saturday and Sunday, May 17/18, in parallel with the annual Welsh Kart Championships.

RESULTS:

BAMBINO - 1. Harley Keeble (Birel), 2. Luke Hilton (Tonykart), 3. Tristan Thorpe (Tonykart), 4. Oakley Keightly (Zip), 5. Aiden Neate (Zip), 6. Curtis-Rohun Stewart (RK/Birel)

7. Jacob Burgess (Zip), 8. Maximus Hall (Tonykart), 9. Freddie Spindlow, 10. Jack Page (Tonykart).

CADET HONDA: 1. Joshua Martin (BRK), 2. Harry King (Project One), 3. Oscar Ferguson (Project One).

CADET COMER: 1. Max Fenlon (RK Birel), 2. Connor Kearney (Zip), 3. Jakob Chamberlain (Zip).

CADET IAME: 1. Shay Keough (Zip), 2, Ethan Rees (Zip), 3. Zach Arthur (Zip).

JUNIOR HONDA: 1. Kristian Prosser (7Kart), 2. Patrick Hill (Wright), 3. Alex Wilkins (7Kart).

JUNIOR TKM: 1. Alex Rees (Jade), 2. Jack Barber (Jade), 3. Yousuf Ashraf (Jade).

JUNIOR ROTAX: 1. Rob Ellis (Kosmic), 2. Ceran Sokhi (Kosmic), 3. David Spiller (Alonso).

MINI MAX: 1. Ethan Ling (CRG), 2. Riley Phillips (Kosmic), 3. Jem Hempworth (CRG).

SENIOR HONDA: 1. Danny Griffiths (MS), 2. Nathan Read (7Kart), 3. Cristiano Nardone (7Kart).

SENIOR ROTAX: 1. Kasey Watson (CRG), 2. Zach Jones 3. Josh Gray (Tonykart).

BEST NOVICE: Maxwell Melia (Honda Cadet), DRIVER OF THE DAY: Ethan Ling (Minimax).

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Jimmy lands Duncan Putter prize!

JIMMY MULLEN of Royal North Devon Golf Club was the winner of this year's Duncan Putter at Southerndown Golf Club.

The 20-year-old England International from Bideford in Devon recovered from a shaky first round of 76 to post scores of 70, 67 and 69, giving him a four-round total of 282, three shots ahead of Irish International Eugene Smith of Ardee Golf Club.

This year's field was the strongest in the 56-year history of this prestigious tournament, with all four home countries looking to get practice on the Southerndown links before this summer's Home Internationals.

But conditions were difficult on both days of the event, with the wind providing a testing challenge for the competitors. Only eight sub-par rounds were carded in total, with four of these coming from Welsh golfers.

Last year's winner, Tim Harry (Vale Resort), showed his class by shooting 67 in round three, but recent injury has restricted his winter practice and he struggled to match this score in the other three rounds.

Jimmy Mullen receives the Duncan Putter.

Former winner Ben Westgate (Trevose and Southerndown) managed a 69 in round two, while Gareth Evans (Wrexham) clearly preferred the morning starts with two rounds of 69 before falling away on both afternoons.

The winner, Jimmy Mullen, is clearly a young man with a great future in golf. He made his mark in 2013 by qualifying for the Open at Muirfield and will no doubt turn professional at some stage. But if you want to see one of the stars of the future you will probably have the chance to see him in action again at Southerndown in the Home Internationals from August 11-15. Make a note in your diary!

Winner: Jimmy Mullen – 282; 2nd: Eugene Smith - 285; 3rd: Adam Chapman – 286; 4th: Stuart Grehan – 288.

The best Welsh performance came from Ben Westgate who finished in joint fifth place.

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Clinical Barry show defensive strength against Nantymoel

GOOD weather conditions prevailed at the Reservoir Field last Saturday for Barry's last home fixture of the season.

The match was one of those postponed due to a waterlogged pitch earlier in the campaign but there were no such problems on this occasion.

The home 15 started off positively with the forwards dominating the set pieces from the outset.

The backs were clearly enjoying the quick, clean ball being provided. Barry earned a penalty that Scott kicked from fully 45 metres to give them the lead.

Nanymoel began using their impressive back division and earned the chance to level the scores. However, their kicker inexplicably missed the kick from in front of the posts.

Barry settled into a long period of dominance with Evans and Tanner making the hard yards. The forwards were settling into a rhythm and the backs were alternating between running and kicking effectively.

They were helped with regular errors from a brittle visiting fullback. The first half was drawing to a close when Scott extended the home side's lead with a further successful penalty.

This half was characterised by a strong performance from the Barry tight forwards that gave little scope for the visitors to use their back division.

As in the first half, the home team started the second half positively and when they attacked on the left, only a late tackle prevented a try.

Nantymoel did not have time to regroup from a yellow card before their opponents surged forward from a five-metre scrum to release Luke O'Sullivan for the try.

To their credit, Nantymoel came back strongly and put some pressure on the Barry defence. So it was against the run of play when Poole released Hamonda for a try scored near enough to the posts for the conversion to be a formality.

Not to be outdone, the visitors set up play near the Barry line and used any penalty to kick into the corners. The home defence demonstrated their improved defensive capabilities by keeping the attackers at bay.

The game was effectively settled on the half-hour mark when Evans broke through several tackles to score a good individual try from 15 metres.

From then to the close the match drifted back and forth with neither team threatening to involve the scorer.

This half saw the home team laying the foundations of victory on strong and effective tackling that prevented Nantymoel from setting up any threatening field positions.

Barry: Ryan, Hamonda, T.Scott, Ritchie O'Sullivan, Adams, E.Scott, Lee, Jones ©, Poole, Luke O'Sullivan, Oaten, Tanner, Hollister, Evans, Rhys O'Sullivan. Replacements. Cordle, Lundy, Busitil, Hadfield.

CO

Nailbiter at the Oval ground

WITH Barry Athletic Cricket Club having their 1st XI game called off, it was up to the 2nd XI to fly the flag for the club in the league and that they did against Newbridge, on a beautiful sunny day at the Island.

Newbridge won the toss and asked Barry to bat first and they got off to a brilliant start with Andrew Buckland and Hugh Smith putting on 82 for the first wicket, with Buckland pulling and cutting the bowling with some panache and Smith being very dogged.

Barry did not use up their full allocation of overs and were bowled out for 170, with Buckland getting 56, Smith 37, Davies 19 and captain Malpas 13.

Newbridge got off to a solid start and were well up with the run rate and looked odds on for a win, but Martin Baker and Scott Malpas had other ideas as they snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with some masterful bowling at the death of the innings.

The last three overs went for approximately 15 runs and some outstanding fielding and catches by Mark White and Ashley Baker saw Barry home, with Newbridge finishing on 165 for 6 and a brilliant five-run win for Barry, Scott Malpas finishing with 3 for 29.

Barry Athletic Cricket Club are looking for players for their junior sides, aged between seven and 15. Junior training is on Thursday nights starting at 6pm at The Athletic Ground, Paget Road, Barry Island.

This Saturday Barry Athletic 1st XI entertain Miskin Manor at The Athletic Ground with a 1pm start - all players are asked to be at the ground for 11.45am; the 2nd XI are away at Croesyceliog, with the 3rd XI are away to Cardiff Gymkhana.

MR

End is nigh in chess club championship

THE Barry Club Championship round 6 took place this week; at this stage of the tournament players with similar results to date are likely to be matched together.

While all 18 players who have entered the tournament are able to win the main event the six highest rated players are not entered into the minor sections. So at this stage of the tournament it is no great surprise to see the top of the table being dominated by these players.

Lee Davis narrowly defeated his son in quite a long game. It seems Ashley had been studying his father's play and was able to find the correct book moves for some time.

In the end however Lee had the advantage of an extra three pawns to record a victory and replace Ashley at the top of the table.

Craig Woolcock defeated Dave Parsons in another long drawn out affair to join Ashley in second place with an identical tie break score. Lee remains undefeated on 5 points with Ashley and Craig just behind 5.5 points. The tournament can only be won by one of these three players.

In the Plate tournament the remaining 12 players have been entered. Of these again the top ranked players are not entered into the Bowl. Of these six players five of them occupied boards 4 - 6.

The only surprise here was to see Martin Ricketts earn a draw against Kevin Gandy. This was Kevin's fifth draw in six matches and he along with Lee remains the only undefeated players.

The Plate is very close with Ken Hannah leading myself, Sam White and Kevin all on 3.5 points. Martin and Windsor Lewis are just behind on 3 points. This section is so close as there are other players on 2.5 points so the draw for the final round of matches is crucial.

In the Bowl the six lowest ranked players have the dubious honour of competing for this new prize.

The big surprise of the night was in this section when Windsor Lewis defeated rising star Chris Green. Apparently Chris has never beaten Windsor and in this match a mistake in capturing a bishop led to his downfall.

Having received a fortunate draw in this round I currently lead the Bowl on 3.5 points, with Windsor on 3 points and John Stephenson on 2.5 points being the only other possible winners.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at: barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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Dinas Powys earn creditable home win

DINAS POWYS FC started this game against Ammanford well; an early free kick by Nicky Bruce found Carlos Indjai, he beat the full back to get a good cross in to striker Joe Briscombe who forced an unproductive corner.

Ammanford could not clear their lines resulting in Dinas forcing four corners in the first five minutes without getting anything from them.

They kept up the pressure, a cross from left back Nicky Bruce reaching Zac Cleary who shot just over the bar under pressure. This was followed by another chance, Marc Bonet breaking through the middle, but he scuffed his shot and Ammanford keeper Jamie Rano gathered it comfortably.

At this stage Dinas were quicker to the ball and keeping possession well with the visitors only managing to get into the Dinas half occasionally; Ashley Richards did manage a long effort at goal from 30 yards which was well over the Dinas bar.

Cleary had another half chance for Dinas with a snap-shot which was on target, Rano diving to his left to make the save. Soon after this Dinas should have taken the lead when another excellent cross from Indjai was met by Luke Swaffield who got a powerful header in but it was just wide of Rano's left upright.

The visitors did manage a spell of pressure then forcing a couple of free kicks, the first of which from Matthew Fisher was well over the bar and the second, taken by Ben Seal, was saved easily by James Curtin.

Ammanford started to try and run through the middle at pace which on one occasion Nathan Jones managed to wriggle past the Dinas defence but his shot was straight at Curtin.

Dinas finally got the breakthrough their play deserved just two minutes from halftime - a Nicky Bruce corner reached centre-half James Bloxham who headed home from six yards.

Ammanford came out with more purpose in the second half which flowed from end to end and was quite feisty at times, but it was Dinas who looked the more likely to add to their tally with Indjai proving a real handful down the right wing.

He put in a number of crosses and from one of these, Cleary beat two defenders to get a shot away which was just wide of the post; it was Dinas beginning to get on top again with Marc Bonet and Luke Swaffield linking up well and the back four of Ronan Scott, James Marr, James Bloxham and Nicky Bruce snuffing out any threat the visitors produced.

Further chances came Dinas' way from Briscombe, Ryan Garland and Indjai, but they couldn't make the game safe and Ammanford began to up their game for the final 15 minutes.

Dinas then rang the changes, bringing on Connor Parsons for Indjai, who had been suffering from cramp, and Jack Preston replaced Briscombe.

What had been an excellent, entertaining battle was then marred by an ugly incident in the Dinas six yard box; suffice to say the referee brandished two red cards.

Dinas then made their final substitution, Dan Gwynne-Hughes replacing Garland for the last couple of minutes, to see out the game, the win leapfrogging Dinas above Ammanford in the league table.

The final game of this season's campaign for Dinas is on Saturday, May 10, when they travel to play Caerau with a 2.30pm kick off.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Ronan Scott, 3 Nicky Bruce, 4 James Marr, 5 James Bloxham (c), 6 Marc Bonet, 7 Ryan Garland, 8 Luke Swaffield, 9 Joe Briscombe, 10 Zac Cleary, 11 Carlos Indjai, 12 Victor Arnau, 14 Dan Gwynne-Hughes, 15 Jack Preston, 16 Connor Parsons.

PK

Munro Cup bowls

MILLWOOD played Penarth Windsor and ran out winners by a total of seven shots in the first round of the Munro Cup.

The game was played under a threatening rainy sky but it held out until well into the latter half of the game, but luckily not enough to call a halt to the game.

Both teams played competetively, but Millwood just held on to their big winning score on rink four, enabling Millwood to win by 10–4.

Match result: Millwood 67. Penarth Windsor 60.

Busy April for Dinas Powys lady golfers

THE latest results from Dinas Powys Golf Club Ladies Section are as follows:

On April 1, an 18-Hole Stableford was played: first, Lisa Ryley 31 points on back 9 from second, Maxine Hird 31 points. Third, Pat Gosling 29 points, 9 hole Stableford, first Audrey Harwood, 12 points.

On April 8, Challenge Bowls Medal silver division: first, Maxine Hird 93-20=73, after countback, second, Lisa Ryley 91-18=73, third Lorna Murray 97-20=77.

Challenge Bowls Bronze Division: First, Annie Blackburn 99-25=74, second Pat Gosling 111-30=81, third, Sian Smith 109-21=88. 9-hole Stableford, first Angela Thomas, 12 points.

On April 13, Medal 1: First, Lisa Ryley 92-18=74 net; second, Annie Blackburn 103-25=78.

On April 15 Australian Spoons: First, Carolyn Jones and Pat Gosling, 37; second, Lisa Ryley and Sian Smith, 33; third, Maxine Hird and Ruth Yates, 32 on back 9 from Angela Brown and Audrey Harwood. 9-hole Stableford: first, Terry Unwin 19.

On April 22, 18-hole Stableford: first, Lisa Ryley 36; second, Pat Gosling 34.

On April 28 Medal: first, Lorna Murray 92-20=72 after countback; second, Maxine Hird 92-20=72; third, Ann Mahenthiralingam 87-12=75. 9-hole Stableford: first, Terry Unwin 14.

The winners of the 18 hole Winter League were Angela Brown and Audrey Harwood, second Sue Bridle and Sian Smith. 9-hole Winter League winner was Sue Bridle, second Angela Brown.

On May 2, the golf club will be celebrating its centenary and we wish members every success in this special year.